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JOHN BOSWORTH'S GRAVESTONE AT NOCKUM HILL BURYING GROUND,
BARRINGTON, R. I., BEFORE AND AFTER REPAIRS. (See p. 249)

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Bosworth Genealogy

A History *of the* Descendants *of*
EDWARD BOSWORTH
who arrived in America
in the year
1634

PART III
FOURTH GENERATION

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Fourth Generation



ANNAH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, Mayflower passengers; born in Swansea, Mass., Nov. 5, 1663; d. 1723; married at Swansea, Nov. 4, 1686, MAJOR NATHANIEL³ JENCKES (now written Jenks), of Providence, son of Joseph Jr. and Esther (Ballard) Jenckes, born Jan. 29, 1662-3; died Aug. 11 (or 12), 1723.

Joseph² Jenckes, Jr., the father of Nathaniel, came to this country from England at the age of 16; he was son of Joseph¹ Jenckes, Sen. who came to America before his son, from Hammersmith, England. In a book called "Thayer and Burton Ancestry," there is an excellent history of the early Jenckes family, which says it has been traced through ten generations in England to 1350. The elder Joseph first settled in Lynn, but seems to have removed later to Providence and become one of the founders of Pawtucket. The son Joseph Jr., born 1632, married Esther Ballard, who came to America at the age of two years with her father William, her mother Mary, and a brother John in 1635, on the ship *James*, her name in the shipping list being "Hester." Joseph was a blacksmith and his forge was just below the falls. Joseph and Esther had nine children, four of them being sons, of whom Nathaniel was the second. His elder brother, Joseph³, became governor of the Colony.

Nathaniel³ Jenckes seems to have followed his father's business, being a blacksmith, and was a very powerful man physically. In a manuscript genealogy, (preserved in the R. I. Hist. Soc. Library, Providence), written by Esek Esten, a man intimately associated with the family, dated June 21, 1813, is this description of Nathaniel:

"He was famous for strength in many ways and at different exercises. He lifted the great Forge Hammer of 500 pounds weight, together with seven men thereon, and the handle thereof; one man whereof lifted up under the drone beam with all his might to react against him; a proof of great, very great strength indeed. He was very active in the defense of the Town against the Indians." He attained the rank of Major in the Military service of the Colony.

In May, 1682 Nathaniel swore allegiance to Charles II. (Savage.)

Austin's Gen. Dictionary gives the following events in the life of Nathaniel³ Jenckes:

1688, *Aug. 6*, Ratable estate 2 acres planting land, cow, a two year old, yearling, 2 colts.

1690 A freeman.

1709 Captain, and later held the office of Major.

1709-10-13 Deputy.

1711, *May 2*, He was appointed by the Assembly, with his brother Joseph, to build a bridge at Pawtucket.

1713, *June 16*, Taxed 14s.

1719-20-21-22-23, On Town Council.

1721, *Apr. 27*, Will—Codicil 1723, July 31; proved 1723, Oct. 21; Exr.s wife Hannah and son Nathaniel. To son Nathaniel, all the homestead, dwelling house, &c., half at death of testator and the other half at death of wife. To Nathaniel also, lands in Attleboro, all right in forge, smith shop, tools, coal house, saw mill and corn mill, all at Pawtucket except the saw mill on the east side of the river. The delivery was to be half at testator's death and the other half at death or marriage of wife. To wife Hannah, the use while widow, of half above property. To daughter Elizabeth Jenckes, £50. The rest of personal to go at death of wife, to children and grandchildren. To son Jonathan £30, paid by his brother Nathaniel, and two children of Jonathan, viz: Jonathan and Mary, who were with their grandfather, the testator, were to have £10 each from Nathaniel, if they stayed with said Nathaniel till of age. To daughter Hannah Capron, £5, in case husband pays £43 which he owes. The codicil reduced the legacy to Jonathan to 10s., as he had already received some.

Inventory, £200, viz: 4 cows, 2 oxen, 4 two years, 2 yearlings, horse, 26 sheep, 7 swine, bellows, forge, smith tools, vice, anvil, &c. coal, 2 spinning wheels, 4 pair of cards, great bible, other books.

NOTE: A History of Pawtucket, by Robert Grieve has excellent views of Major Nathaniel Jenckes old home, built early in the 18th century. It stood on the west side of No. Main St. near Exchange St.

CHILDREN

of Major Nathaniel and Hannah (Bosworth) JENCKES
born in that part of Providence now Pawtucket.

129 i—JONATHAN⁴ JENCKES, b. May 1, 1688; d. ———; m. Mary Slack. Their children were

1—Jonathan

2—Mary

3—Jeremiah, m. Anne (———), had one child, Mercy, b. Oct. 24, 1745.

4—John*

*Descendants say there was a daughter Elizabeth who m. James Young.

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- 130 ii—HANNAH JENCKES, b. Oct. 8, 1690; d. 1738; m. Banfield Capron, Jr., b. at Attleboro, Mass., July 16, 1683. He m. (2) Sarah Brown. He settled at Bellingham, Mass. and had the following children by first wife Hannah:
 1—Philip Capron, b. Feb. 1, 1719-20
 2—Leah Capron, b. Mar. 10, 1722
 3—Benjamin Capron, b. June 20, 1724.
- 131 iii—ELIZABETH JENCKES, b. Jan. 1, 1697-8; m. John Owen of Conn., son of Josiah and Hannah, b. March 24, 1703.
- 132 iv—NATHANIEL⁴ JENCKES, b. Jan. 4, 1702-3; d. ———; m. (1) Feb. 28, 1723, Lydia Arnold; (2) Mar. 29, 1730, Bridget Blake. Children by 1st wife:
 1—Martha, b. Mar. 14, 1724; m. (——) Scott.
 2—Stephen, (known later as Capt. Stephen Jenckes) b. May 8, 1726; m. Jan. 11, 1747, Sarah Hawkins, b. July 26, 1727, had seven children: Elezar, 1747; Nathaniel, Jr., 1749; Moses, 1751; Lydia, 1754, d. 1756; Stephen, 1756; Benjamin, 1758; Jerahmeel, 1762.
 3—Lydia, b. Sept. 3, 1727.
 Wife Lydia d. Jan. 23, 1728.
 Children by 2nd wife:
 4—Joanna, b. June 18, 1730.
 5—Ichabod, b. Jan. 2, 1732; d. 1803; m. Margaret Bagley. A son David, b. June 18, 1766, m. Susannah Patten. Ichabod was a Lieut. in the American Revolution.
 6—James } twins, b. Oct. 13, 1733.
 7—Jemima }

Major Nathaniel Jenckes family Bible which was bought by him in 1720, and first used for family record by him, was passed on to his grandson, Capt. Stephen Jenckes, and in it the latter wrote his name and "His Book December y^e 2th: 1750", and following it his own family record. This Bible has been preserved and a description, and copy of its records, may be found in the Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 20, p. 175.

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DAVID⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers in the Mayflower; born at Swansea, Mass., Sept. 15, 1669; died at Halifax, Mass., June 12, 1747; married first at Plymouth, Aug. 18, 1698, MERCY (Mary in marriage record) STURTEVANT, daughter of Deacon Samuel and first wife, Mercy Sturtevant, born 1676; died Apr. 23, 1707, and is buried beside her mother in the Plympton Burying Ground. David married second, PATIENCE (———).

As seen above David was born at Swansea, and probably spent his boyhood and young manhood there, but in 1698 we find him in Plymouth, where in August he was married to Mercy. In May 1699, following his marriage, David bought land at a place called Monponsett in the township of Plymouth, and in August 1701, bought more land on the west side of Monponsett pond "on the way going to Bridgewater." As this location is about six miles to the northwest of Colchester, in what is now the township of Plympton, the place where David's father lived in the early years of his married life, near to the Howlands, David's grandfather and uncles, it is easy to see what led him to go to this section. It does not appear that David ever removed from the place where he first settled, but at first being the "West Precinct" of Plymouth, it afterward became Plympton, and later Halifax.

On Nov. 26, 1695 the "Western Precinct" of Plymouth was incorporated. The order "for setting up the worship of God in said precinct," reads as follows:

"So soon as the Inhabitants of Said precinct shall have procured a learned and orthodox minister to preach the word of God among them shall be freed & exempt from paying toward the support of the ministry at the Town and for so long time as they Shall enjoy and have Such a ministry continued with them."

The first Precinct meeting that is recorded was held in

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January 1701, but Lewis Bradford, Town Clerk of Plympton, who wrote a sketch of the town in 1826, says, "They doubtless held Precinct meetings before that time."

At a meeting of the society held May 29, 1701 "it was agreed upon that our minister M^r. Isaac Cushman shall have 35 pounds for his sallery this present yeare."

"Att a meeting Held by the Inhabytants of the new Society in the western precinct of plimouth one the 3^d Day of June 1702 the said inhabitants did make Coice of *David Bozworth* to be there Clark."

On the same date it was voted "to petition to his Excelency the Gouvnrnore that they might have Training by themseleielfe—David Bozworth Clark."

"Att a grate & generall Court or Assembly held att Boston the 28 of May 1707 . . . In Answer to the pettition of the Inhabitanth" this tract was incorporated into a town under the name of Plympton on June 4, 1707 and the bounds set.

David Bosworth served as Town Clerk from June 1702 to Mar. 1, 1707/8, when a new clerk was elected.*

In a list of the inhabitants made in 1709 of those qualified to vote at town meetings, David was the only Bosworth. At a town meeting held in Plimpton *Mar. 2, 1710/11* "John Cole & David bosworth ware Chosen Cunstabels." *Dec. 13, 1711*, it was voted to raise £4-10s. to pay a "Schoullmaster 3 months att 30s. p^r month" and £2-12s. "for Dieting him." *Mar. 2, 1712-13*, "Benony Lucas, David Bosworth & Isaac Cushman jun. were chosen Selectmen and assessors." It was also voted that every housekeeper should kill "either two Crows or six blackbirds or Gee birds between Mar. 15, and June 15 and bring in their heads to the selectmen or pay 2 shillings beside his or their just proportion in the town Rates." *Mar. 1, 1713-14*, the same three Selectmen and assessors were again chosen; also on *Mar. 14, 1714-15*, and *Mar. 1, 1715-16*. On *Mar. 26, 1715-16*, Isaac Cushman as Town Clerk was sworn before Benony Lucas and David Bosworth, and "Benony Lucas and David Bosworth took the oath of assessors before me Isaac Cushman town Clerk."

About this time there was a new meeting house built and at a town meeting held June 15, 1716 a committee was appointed "to Determine in what seat Each person Should Set." This committee reported July 16, 1716, assigning each person to a pew; the tenth on the list is "to David Bosworth att y^e west end next y^e Stairs."

Mar. 18, 1716-17, Benony Lucas, David Bosworth and Isaac Cushman, Jr. were chosen Selectmen and sworn in. David was also chosen one of the "Surveyors of Highways."

*Copying the above from the old records I noted that after this date the writing was not nearly as good, and felt a thrill of pride that one of our name had left so clear a record.

From Mar. 2, 1712-13 until Mar. 23, 1729-30, David was chosen each year as Selectman, and served to and including that year. In March 1720 he began to be called "Deakon" Bosworth.

June 22, 1720. The selectmen of Plimpton (including David Bosworth), and the selectmen of Plymouth, renewed the bounds between the towns, which according to "the Laws of this Province," was to be done every three years.

"Maye y^e 17th 1725 . . . at the above said meeting the Town made an act and voted that whoso Ever Should kill a wild Cat and bring his head unto the select men or to any one of them and their Certify him or them that it was bona fido killed within the bounds of the Town of Plimpton sall be payd out of the Town Treasury the Sum of five shillings for such head." Among the items for which the town was taxed, Sept. 6, 1725, the following appears.: "Wild Cats heads—£1-0-0," showing that four had been killed. On the last date David was chosen one of a committee of three "to make answer to the petition of the North precinct in plimouth and plimpton praying for a Township."

Mar. 30, 1727, "Deak Bozworth" was one of the "Grand Jury men Chosen for Superior Court." On the same date the vote concerning wild cats' heads was again passed; also that concerning killing birds "or Squillils Such as are destructive to corn" or be fined 2s. Paid for wild cats' heads, £2-0-0, and this bounty was again voted.

At this time Rev. Isaac Cushman's salary was raised to 75 pounds a year. It had begun at 35 pounds and been raised 10 pounds each year, and the year following this it was raised to 85 pounds. Also about this time "Sam^l Bryant and Jonathan Shaw, Ju^r ware chosen to take care of the boyes a sabbath Dayes to preuent thare playing att meeting and also to suppress any disorders by any: Either in the time of publick worship or in the Interuailes of the same and to Complain of all such disorder to authority." (Jonathan Shaw Jr. was a brother of Priscilla Shaw who married David Bosworth Jr. son of above.)

Mar. 23, 1729/30, "Deakon Bozworth & Ignatius Cushing with Peter Tomson & Sam^l Lucas" were chosen to join with the agents of Middleborough to settle the boundary between them; also "Deacon Bozworth chosen to get a Coppy from the town Boock att Plymouth of the bounds of the ministry lot in plimpton."

About this time two men were chosen "to take care of the towns stock of powder and bullets and flints *and secure them in the meeting house.*"

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July 27, 1730, "Sam^l Bradford and Deakon Bozworth ware Chosen to agree with a scoollmaster for a year next ensuing." At the same meeting "the town by thare vote gave Liberty to any of the Inhabitants of sd town to build three seats adjoining each other upon the top girts at the west end of the meeting house at their own Cost and Charge for *negro and Indian Servants to set in.*"

On the records of the church in Plympton is found the following: "Memorandum that on Sabbath day some time in March in y^e year 1718-19, Samuel Sturtevant*, Elcanah Cushman and David Bosworth were ordained Deacons by the imposition of hands." There seems to have grown up a warm friendship between the pastor, Rev. Isaac Cushman, and David Bosworth, for when the minister made his will, Oct. 25, 1727, David, with Ignatius Cushing and Benoni Lucas, was a witness; and in the will Rev. Cushman says: "And I do hereby Request my loving friends Capt. Benoni Lucas & Deacon David Bozworth to be Overseers of this my last Will & Testament," etc. By May 12, 1731 the minister had so failed in health that "the town voted to get a minister to be assisting with Mr. Cushman in the worke of the ministry for the present . . . the town made choice of David Bozworth and Sam^l Churchel to provide for the pulpit as afore-sd." Rev. Cushman must have died not long after this, for on Sept. 20, 1731, "the town made choice of David Bozworth and Sam^l Churchel to acquaint M^r Jonathan Parker that the town hath made Choice of him for their minister." The following is a receipt given by Rev. Cushman: "Received of Capt. Caleb Loring Town treasurer eighty five pounds in money for my worke in the ministry for the year beginning at the Last day of october 1728 and ending the Last of october 1729 which is in full for my worke in sd ministry from the begining of the world to that day I say Received by me Isac Cushman." Nov. 1, 1731, The town voted that the three Deacons should "acquaint M^r. Jonathan Parker with the votes of the town Respecting his Settlement and sallery," etc.

Feb. 4, 1730/31. The committee appointed in March 1730 "to Renew and settle the bounds of a tract of Land formerly Laid out in sd town for a ministry Lott and for a Conueniency for a training place and a burying place for sd town", made their report; David Bozworth, Ignatius Cushing and Joseph Lucas representing the town.

*This was probably the father of Mercy, wife of Deacon David Bosworth.

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NOTE: All the foregoing town records may be found in Book 1 of the town of Plympton. Near the close Lewis Bradford the Town Clerk wrote under date, Jan. 17, 1825; "It appears that David Bozworth was the Precinct Clerk in 1695—In 1825 people of that name generally write their names Bosworth." In 1834 he wrote "David Bosworth was the first Precinct clerk and the only one mentioned." The following may be found in Book 2:

Mar. 22, 1731/2, at a Town meeting held on this date Deacon David Bozworth with two others were chosen Selectmen.

June 13, 1732, David Bozworth one of a committee to confer regarding the setting off the south part of the town as a new town or precinct.

Dec. 4, 1732, the three Selectmen were appointed a committee to provide a schoolmaster.

Mar. 26, 1733, Joseph Thomas, Samuel Bradford and Deacon David Bosworth were reelected as Selectmen, and the other officers of the town took their oath of office before them.

Nov. 26, 1733, on a list of amounts to be raised, was 12 pounds to pay for wild cats killed, but in June 1734 it was voted not to continue the bounty for killing wild cats.

Mar. 26, 1734, Deacon David Bozworth, Joseph Lucas and Joseph Thomas chosen Selectmen and other officers sworn before them.

This was the last time David was elected to office, in Plympton; for the north part of the town, the part in which David lived, was set off and became a part of Halifax, which was incorporated July 4, 1734.

Sept. 16, 1734, "Att a Town Meeting held at Plympton . . . Mr Samuel Bradford was chosen a Selectman in the Rume of Deacon David Bozworth."

July 18, 1734 The first town meeting of Halifax was held by order of General Court; officers chosen—David Bosworth one of three Selectmen, also Sealer of Weights; was also one of a committee of three to supply the pulpit. It was voted to call Rev. John Cotton, and David Bosworth was one of a committee of three to acquaint him with the fact.

The records of the "Church of Christ" in Halifax begin *Oct. 16, 1734*: "This day was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer; Ministers were present from Middleborough, Pembroke, Plymouth, Kingston and Plympton. Among the names of "the Brethren" who signed the covenant were:

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David Bosworth

Samuel Sturtevant (father of Mercy, first wife of David)

Jonathan Bosworth (second son of David. David Jr., the eldest son had removed to Killingly, Ct.)

“The Sisters.”

Patience Bosworth (second wife of David)

Ruth Bosworth (second wife of Jonathan)

Jan. 28, 1734/5 the first business meeting of the church was held. David Bosworth was chosen clerk. *Apr. 9, 1735* the church voted to call the Rev. John Cotton, and on July 21, 1735 he sent a letter of acceptance which is recorded. He was ordained *Oct. 1, 1735*.

“Anno 1735 when y^e church were destitute of a pastor, Zadock Bosworth y^e son of Jonathan and Ruth Bosworth was Baptized at Hallifax By y^e Rev. Mr. Parker.

Nov. 3, 1735. At a meeting of the church, Samuel Sturtevant, David Bosworth and Isaac Tinkham were chosen deacons.

Mar. 31, 1735, David Bosworth was chosen Town Clerk; also one of three Selectmen.

Mar. 18, 1744/5, Voted to allow Deacon Bosworth's account for service done.

This is the last mention of David on the Church Records, except the record that he died June 12, 1747, aged 77, and on July 20, 1747, the Halifax church held a meeting to appoint a deacon to take his place.

As to the land transactions of David, it has been stated in the first part of this sketch, that he bought land in 1699 and in 1701, near to Monponsett pond, on the way going to Bridgewater. The second piece was bought of Francis Curtis, whose wife, Hannah Bosworth, was a second cousin of David, a daughter of Benjamin³ Bosworth. On the “Records of the Town of Plymouth,” (Vol. 2, p. 147), is found the following:

“The Bounds of y^e Highway which is Laid outt To y^e Metting house in y^e new society bounded att Bridgewater path with a Wallnut Tree and a black oake tree both marked and so To David Bosworths house and from Thence To John Curtisses house and from thence to Joseph Kings house . . . and from The bridge as nere as Is Convenient To David bosworths meadow To a white oak Tree marked” etc.

Mar. 5, 1705/6 David bought 20 a. adjoining what he already had, which was still called “in Plymouth.” *July 7, 1708* he

sold 50 a. to Samuel Lucas, and now he is called "of Plimpton." (The signature to this deed was not acknowledged until July 14, 1744.)

Nov. 24, 1714, David again bought land, this time in a section called "Kings Cedar Swamp" in Plimpton of Jonathan Bryant, and the following month another piece of Samuel Sturtevant in the same section, the first for £5. . 5s., the other for £4. . 10s. A notation is made that "These fell by lot to the above owners when the land was first divided."

Mar. 30, 1714/15 Robert and John Waterman sold 20 a. to David for £28, and on *May 9, 1716*, Thomas Tomson sold land to David, $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. adjoining the land "whereon the sd David now dwelleth"; price paid £4. . 10s. *Jan. 27, 1717/18* he bought 4 a. of land for £4 of John Curtis, adjoining his own land.

As we have seen in the history of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., on May 10, 1708, he gave his son David, 20 acres of land in Swansea, (See entire deed on p. 158). David held this land until after the death of his father, then sold it. An abstract of the deed is as follows:

David Bosworth of "Plimton in the county of Plimouth" for £30 deeds to Stephen Cornwell of Swansea "a Certain Lott of Land laid out in the Right of my Honoured father Jonathan Bosworth of Swansea deceased; called the Twenty acre Division . . . on the Easterly part of Swansea Town purchase near Showamit Purchase Containing Twenty acres of land . . . laid out in the year 1699 and numbered 17 & bounded Northerly & Easterly on highways and southerly on a lott number 18 laid out in the Right of Nathaniel Toogood" etc.

(Signed)

David Bosworth

May 29, 1722

John Thomas }
Jeremiah Allen }

Witnesses.

*(Fall River, Mass. Deeds, Bk. 4, p. 232)

NOTE: Nathaniel Toogood's daughter married David's brother John.

June 22, 1722, David Bosworth, *Sen.* (so called because his son David had reached the age of 21), for 50s., bought of Joseph Washburn, "one eighth part of one share in a Cedar Swamp now in the township of Pembroke."

*This is the only one of the deeds copied at Fall River, the others are from Taunton. In this deed at Taunton the lot is numbered 77 and the lot on the south, 78. The compiler has no way of knowing which is correct.

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Jan. 11, 1724/5 David Bosworth with others of the town of Plympton, deed land to Mark Perkins, a blacksmith, to induce him to settle in Plympton "in consideration of the occasion and need that there is for a blacksmith to settle in our neighborhood."

Apr. 8, 1725 David Bosworth, Sen. buys $14\frac{1}{4}$ a. for £16, "at a Place called Cedar-Bridge Swamp in Plimpton" adjoining his own land, of his brother-in-law, Josiah Sturtevant. (A quit claim from Samuel Sturtevant follows the above.)

Sept. 30, 1729 James Bryant for £3 sells to David Bosworth Sen. of Plimpton 1 a. 29 rds. in Plimpton adjoining "the South East side of that 30 a. Lot of y^e s^d David Bozworth Senior Whereon David Bosworth Junior now dwelleth." On the same day, David, for £250, sold to Francis Pummery of Hanover, the 45 a. 69 rds. "whereon David Bosworth Jun^r. now dwelleth." It is probable that David Jr. was about to remove to Killingly, Conn., for we find him there in Jan. 1730. On Sept. 23, 1731, David made an exchange of land with Thomas Tomson, Sen.

On the same date as the last, David, still of Plympton, "in consideration of y^e love and good affection which I bear unto my son Nehemiah Bosworth of y^e Town of Plimpton" deeds "A Certain Parcel of my homestead land lying & being in y^e Township of Plympton", which adjoined $14\frac{1}{4}$ acres which he formerly bought of Robert and John Waterman, and "on y^e Southwest Side of y^e highway that leads from Plym^o. to Bridgewater over against y^e Dwelling house of Jon^a. Bosworth with the Buildings and fences thereon, and also y^e one half of my two Parcels of meadow lying & being on ye Brook called Monponsett Meadow Brook in Plympton aforesaid"; also one half the land in Kings Cedar Swamp which he bought of Samuel Sturtevant, Jr., and of Jonathan Bryant; also " $\frac{1}{2}$ of that $\frac{1}{8}$ part of one share . . . in y^e Great Cedar Swamp in y^e purchase Called y^e Major Purchase in y^e Township of Pembroke" which he bought of Jos. Washburn, "Always reserving unto myself y^e whole use & improvement of all y^e abovesd Premisses During my natural life—Also reserving unto my loving wife Patience Bozworth ye use and improvement of one third part thereof During her Natural Life if she outlive me."

On the same date, and for the same "considerations" as above, David deeds to Jonathan Bosworth, his son, "The Several Parcels of Upland Meadow and Swamps in y^e Township of Plympton . . . that is to say one Parcel thereof lyeth on ye northeast side of ye highway that leads from Plym^o. to Bridgewater and Containeth all my Lands w^{ch} lyeth there joining together on ye northeast side of ye highway whereon ye Dwelling house of ye said Jona. Bozworth now standeth and also one other Parcel of my

homestead land lying on ye Southwest side of said Highway . . . to include all my land which lyeth there joining together on ye sd Range." (Then follows the other one half of the parcel described above); "Always reserving" etc. same as above.

The above deeds were signed by David Bosworth, also acknowledged and recorded same date, Sept. 23, 1731.

Having thus wisely made a division of his property while he was still alive and in good health, on Oct. 27, 1740, nine years later, he made his will, in which he is called—

"David Bosworth yeoman of Halifax." He bequeaths:

1st to beloved wife Patience $\frac{1}{2}$ his moveable estate; "also ye improvement of the Houseing & lands I have given to my sons Jonathan & Nehemiah during life according to ye restrictions and Limitations mentioned in my Deeds to my said Sons."

2nd "I give to my son David my Great Bible and all my Wearing Apparell having already given him his portion in Lands and money" etc.

3rd Confirms to sons Nehemiah and Jonathan "all the houseing and lands" he had given to them by deed.

4th Gives to daughter Hannah one half his moveable estate and what may be left of the other half after his wifes decease. Appoints son Jonathan as Executor to his will.

A codicil to the above will, made May 8, 1743, says:

"It is my mind and will that inasmuch as my son Jonathan is deceased that my surviving son Nehemiah shall be sole Executor to this my last will and Testament."

The above will was presented for probate, July 14, 1747, and Nehemiah the son given administration on the estate. He gave bonds July 15, 1747, with Robert Waterman, Jr of Halifax, and Edmond Wood of Middleboro.

Samuel Sturtevant, as previously noted, was made a deacon of the church in Plympton at the same time as David, and after the separation of the towns and the organization of the new church at Halifax, they were again made deacons. They lived near each other and both lived to a good old age; they are buried beside their second wives in the burying place by Monponsett Pond. (Monponsett, the Indian name for Halifax.) Mercy Sturtevant, the first wife of Deacon Samuel, and Mercy, her daughter, the first wife of Deacon David, are buried side by side in the burying ground at Plympton. The compiler visited these graves in 1905 and found them in fairly good condition, for although a portion has been split off the

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side of each of the stones there was enough of the reading left so that it was easy to make out the entire inscriptions, which are as follows:

HERE LYES Ye BODY
OF MARCY STUR
TEVANT WIFE TO
DECON SAMUEL
STURTEUANT DIED
* Ye 3 1714
IN Ye 60th YEAR
OF HER AGE

HERE LYES Ye BO
DY OF MARCY
THE WIFE
OF DEACON DAVID
BOZWORTH DIED
Ye 23 OF
APRIL 1707
IN Ye 31^t YEAR
OF HER AGE

(*Name of month entirely gone.)

On Mar. 18, 1735/6 Deacon Samuel Sturtevant made his will, in which he bequeathed to the heirs of his daughter Mercy Bozworth, David, Jonathan, Nehemiah and Hannah.

CHILDREN

of David⁴ and Mercy (Sturtevant) Bosworth,
born in the "Western Precinct" of Plymouth, Mass.

- 133+ i—DAVID⁵ JR., b. May 21, 1699; d. ——— m. Priscilla Shaw.
 - 134+ ii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Feb. 16, 1700/1; d. Jan. 24, 1741/2; m. (1) Alice Cushman; m (2) Ruth Tilson.
 - 135+ iii—NEHEMIAH⁵, b. Mar. 15, 1702*; d. Dec. 22, 1762; m. (1) Susannah Ring; m. (2) Sarah Tomson.
 - 136+ iv—HANNAH⁵, b. June 24, 1705; d. ———; m. William Ripley.
- (*Probably O. S., and should be 1702/3)

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JOHN⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers in the Mayflower; born in Swansea, Mass., Apr. 6, 1671; died in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), Sept. 20, 1719; married at Swansea, June 10, (or 16, both dates on record) 1702, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Toogood, born July 25, 1682; died previous to June 7, 1773 when her estate was being settled: she married second at Bristol, R. I., Feb. 18, 1723/4,

JAMES THURBER, (int. pub. in Rehoboth, Dec. 19, 1723); in July 1750 she was called "Widow Thurber," so James must have died previous to that time.

It is quite probable that John lived and died not far from the place where he was born, for in the division of his land among his sons, the house of "old Mr. Bozworth" is mentioned. This location was at a place called "Nockum" or "Nockum Hill," on New Meadow Neck. As will be seen by the map of the section of country in which these early Bosworths lived, given at the beginning of Part II, this place, originally in Rehoboth, was set off as a part of Swansea in 1668, and in 1717, shortly before John's death, was made a part of Barrington, then in Massachusetts. In 1747 this section was ceded to Rhode Island and became a part of the township of Warren and continued so until 1770, when it again became Barrington and has remained so ever since. Being known by such various names and under different governments, the land records are hard to find, some being at Taunton and Fall River, Mass., and others at Warren and Barrington, R. I. At Warren a record was found dated, *Dec. 6, 1709*, where Jonathan Bosworth, "husbandman" of Rehoboth, for £20. deeds "to John Bosworth of Swansey, carpenter, a parcel of Land Scituate . . . at a place Commonly called and known by the name of nockume on new meadow neck within the township of Swansey aforesd containing Twenty three acres"—This land was on the south side of a highway, having on the east and west land of "the heirs of Nicholas Taner", and on the south, land of Benjamin Hunt. "In Wittness whereof I the sd. Jonathan Bosworth and Sarah Bosworth my wife (in Testimony to her free Consent to this Bargain) . . . hath hereunto set to our hands and seals" etc. (The above Jonathan was a younger brother of John.)

Benjamin Carpenter }
William West } Witnesses.
John Carpenter }

Ack. in Rehoboth, July 1746.
Rec. July 1747.

On Mar. 21, 1712/13, John with his brother Jabez Bosworth, was witness to the will of John Martin of Swansea.

In the Barrington Town Meeting Book it is recorded that on *Mar. 16, 1718/19*, John Bosworth and Zachariah Bicknell were chosen Surveyors of Highways. At the same meeting James Thurber, who later became the husband of Elizabeth, was made "Tythingman."

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In September of that year John died at the age of 48, and was buried at the Nockum Hill Burying Ground. Bicknell, in his History of Barrington, says:

“It was the custom quite common in early New England, and not yet entirely gone, for families to set apart a small lot on their own farms, as family burial places. Several of these exist in Barrington As the first permanent settlers of Barrington (then Rehoboth) made their homes on New Meadow Neck, in the neighborhood of the Baptist Church, it would be most natural to select a public burial place in the neighborhood. This was done, and the burial ground on the sunny knoll at the head of Hundred Acre Cove, is the place of the first interments of the whites on Barrington soil. The oldest graves are marked, if at all, by rude field stones, without inscriptions, so that it is impossible to tell when or by whom the ground was first used for burial purposes. We may believe that some of the slain of King Philip’s war were among the first to be laid at rest at Burial Hill. The tombstone of earliest date in this yard is that of Renew Carpenter, wife of Benjamin Carpenter, who died July 29, 1703, aged forty-three years. Her husband died in 1727 aged sixty-nine years. As the land of this burial place is private ground the graves are neglected, and unless some action be taken to care for the grounds and protect the monuments, all evidence of a burial place will soon be effaced.”

(The Benjamin Carpenter mentioned here was, as may be seen, one of the witnesses to the above deed.)

The grave of John⁴ Bosworth is in this burying ground, not far from those of Renew and Benjamin Carpenter, and when the compiler first saw it in 1905 the stone was in good condition and perfectly legible, but in 1920 it was found sinking into the sand. In order that it might be preserved, two Bosworth daughters, one of the line of Nathaniel⁵, and the other of John⁵, Jr., sons of John⁴, furnished the necessary means, and the stone was cleaned and set into a cement base. It will now last for a long time, but we of this generation, descendants of John, leave it in trust to be cared for by our descendants. (See frontispiece. See also an article on Bosworth gravestones in Bosworth Bulletin for April 1927.)

As we have said, John died Sept. 20, 1719, and in November of that year the inventory of his estate was made, and his widow Elizabeth was made administrator. The inventory and other Court papers, Elizabeth’s account and the division of the estate follow:

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A true Inventory of all and Singular the Estate (both Real and Personal)
of John Bozworth of Swanzey Alias Barrington Deceased

	£	s.	d-
Imprimis: To Money £ 03. his Waring Apparel. £ 13.10 .	16	10	00
Item: Books £1	01	00	00
Item: his Horse and furniture £11. his Gun & Sword £2.15	13	15	00
Item: One Feather Bed with Bed Stead & furniture . . .	12	00	00
Item: To 2 Feather Beds and furniture @ £9 pr. Bed . . .	18	00	00
Item: To another Feather Bed & furniture £7. one Ditto £5	12	00	00
Item: Table Linnen £1-5 Yarn & Wool £8. Glass & Earthen £1	10	05	00
Item: To Pewter: £ 5-10 Brass ware £ 2	07	10	00
Item: Iron Pots Kettles frying Pan & tramels £2 a grid Iron 5 ^s	02	05	00
Item: 1 Pair of hand Irons £ 2 Tongs & Slice 8 ^s Box Iron 5 ^s	02	13	00
Item: Sheep Shears 2 ^s Candle Sticks 2 ^s a Spit and flesh fork 6 ^s	00	10	00
Item: Slays and harness £1.10 four Spinning Wheels and Cards 1lb . . 5 ^s	02	15	00
Item: His Carpenters Tools £5 . 11 ^s Syths & tackling 7 ^s .	05	18	00
Item: 2 Sickles 3 ^s oxchains £1 . 4 ^s . old Iron 3 ^s	01	10	00
Item: Hogsheads, Barrels, Churn, Pails, Sives, Wooden Ware and other Lumber	04	00	00
Item: One Cup Board £1. four Chests & a Box £02 . . .	03	00	00
Item: A Dozen Chairs £1.5 Tables £1 . 0	02	05	00
Item: Cart & Wheels: £03. Plas & Plow Irons: 12 ^s Yoke 2/6	03	14	06
Item: Cops & Pin 2/6 Pitch forks 5 ^s a Grin Stone £1.0 . .	01	07	06
Item: Indian Corn £13 English Grain £2.10	15	10	00
Item: Tobacco £2.10. To Shingles. 14 ^s Leather 12 ^s . . .	03	16	00
Item: To Neet Cattle £45. 22 Sheep £08. Swine £7	60	00	00
Item: The Whole of all his Lands Meadows and Buildings with Common Rights	400	00	00

Praised this 10 Day of Novemb: 1719	602 . 14 . 00
by us	The Neet Stock above Mentioned consists of a
John Devotion	Yoke of oxen Praised @ £10: 3 cows @ £3.15 ^s
Samuel Hills	Pr.: 1 Steer @ £ 04: 3 Two year old cattle @
James Brown	£3 Pr.: 6 yearlings @ £01 . 10 pr: 2 Calves
	@ 17/6 pr.: the Hay or fother allowed to sd
	Stock

Bristoll ss August 6, 1721

Then before ye Honorable Nathaniel Paine Esqr. Judge of Probate of wills
& granting of Lettrs of Administration within ye County of Bristol Came
Elizabeth Bozworth widdow and Relict of Mr. Jno. Bozworth late of
Barrington deceased Intestate and made oath that the Inventory within
written Contains the whole of that Estate the said Deceased dyed Seized
of and is Come to her knowledge and when shee knows of any more shee
will reveall it that it may be of Record herewith Nath^l Paine
Bristoll ss. In the Third Book folio 714
Entered August 6th, 1721.

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The Accompt of Elesebeth Bosworth Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods Chattles of her Husband John Bosworth of Barrington (&c &c).
 The Accomptant Charges herself with all . . . the Goods Chattles of the Said Deceased Contained in an Inventory Thereof made . . .
 The 10th Day of November 1719 Amounting as by the Same Inventory Appeareth The Sum of £602..14..00

The Personal Estate Being £205..10..00
 To be added Sence the Inventory was Given
 in, Received by the Accompt as Followeth

	£	s.	d
By John Thomas	02	05	00
To Sundrie other Persons	03	05	00
The Accomptant Desires allowance for the Payment of Sundrie Debts & Disbursements on Said Estate as Followeth—			
[Here follows a list of names of fifteen persons to whom small amounts were paid amounting to]			
To Doctor William Wood	11	16	00
To Suite of Clothes To Sam ^{ll} Inged being his freedom clothes	00	14	00
Sundrie Disburstments for the Lying in with an Imposthumus Child after the Death of y ^e Father	04	04	00
To Samuel Hill for Work	06	00	00
To the Funeral Charges & Docter et	00	10	00
To Clothing used in the Familey	06	10	00
To Lining made use of Fer the Familey	01	10	00
To Flax used in the Familey	01	05	00
To Indian Corn Spent in the Familey	00	10	00
To English Grane	13	00	00
To a Bond & the Interist pd. to John Whittah	02	10	00
To Joseph Kent	04	19	00
To Nathaniel Jnks	04	05	00
To Hannah West	02	16	00
To Thomas Wood	12	15	9
To the Prisers for Priseing the Estate	16	18	6
Paid to Jabez Brown	00	09	00
To the Administratrix for her Trouble and Expences for her Coming Down to Bristoll To administer upon the Estate	00	18	11
To the allowing and Registring this accompt	01	10	00
	00	10	00
	93	11	2

Bristoll June y^e 14th 1724
 Sworn to before Nath^{ll} Blagrove Esqr. Judge of Probate &c.

June 22, 1724, Samuel Goff was appointed Guardian of
 Mary Bosworth
 Anna Bosworth
 Nathaniel Bosworth } Minors, "Daughters and Son to John Bosworth late of Barrington in County of Bristol Deceased."

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Samuel Goff, yeoman, and John Thomas, Cordwainer, gave bonds for 100 pounds.

Dec. 15, 1724, Peter Hunt was appointed Guardian to John Bosworth and Lidia Bosworth, minors, "Son and Daughter To John Bosworth late of Rehoboth." Peter Hunt, Robert Wheaton and Samuel Hill, gave bonds "for One Hundred Pounds."

NOTE: In the inventory, as may be noted, John is called "of Swanzey alias Barrington", and in the above he is called "of Rehoboth." The above is no doubt a mistake as he evidently lived in the township of Swansea until the part in which he lived was taken to help form Barrington, but probably near the Rehoboth line.

Bristoll ss. An order for the Making A Division of ye Housing & Lands of John Bosworth Late of Barrington Deceased Intestate and also of his Personall Estate in manner & Form following ——— ——— ———
By the Honorable Nathaniel Blagrove Esq^r. Judge of the Probate of wills and Granting of Letters of Administration within the County of Bristoll aforesaid—

To Mr. Peter Hunt Samuel Hill Joseph Peck Robert Wheaton & James Bowen, ——— ——— Pursuant to the act of the Generall Assembly Intituled an act for the Settlement and Distribution of Intestate Estates I do by these Presents Nominate and appointe & Impower You the Sd. Mr. Peter Hunt Samuel Hill Joseph Peck Robert Wheaton & James Bowen, or any three of You to Make a Division of the Housing Lands & personall Estate of John Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased Intestate to and amongst the widdow and children and Such as shall Legally Represent them if any of them be Dead. According to the Directions Mentioned & Conteined in the before Recited Act, which You are Sworn to Attend and make Return of Your Doings in Observance hereof Together with this order unto myself att the Registers office att Bristoll hereof Faile not given under my hand & Seal the 16 Day of february 1724/5

N: Blagrove.

In observance of an order from the Honorable Nathaniel Blagrove Esq^r Judge of the probate of wills and granting Letters of Administration within the County of Bristol—

We the Subscribers being appointed and Sworn By the sd. Judge to Divide the Real and personal Estate of John Bozworth Late of Barrington In sd. County Deceased Intestate have Divided the same as followeth—and first of the Real Estate—the divistian whereof is as followeth (viz)

Imprimis the Widdows Dowry or third part is Bounded northwardly to a fence on the North Side of the Orchard and so bounding by sd fence on a streight line till it coms to the Land of James Thomas and is bounded westerly and Southwesterly by the highway: beginning at the above sd fence north of the orchard and running Southward or Southeastward by sd highway till it Cometh to the Eastward line of the barn-

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yard: then bounding by the Eastward fence of sd barn-yard till it Cometh to the northeast ward corner of sd yard & hence northeastwardly to a ditch which is diged to drain a pond and so on a Line to a small saplin whit oke marked and so on a Line till it Cometh to James Thomas his Land. then bounding by sd Thomas his Land and running northward till it meeteth the north Line as above said—with all the Lower Rooms In the Dwelling house upon sd Land and half the seller and one half of the Barn (viz) the west end of the barn and the northward half of the Leanto at the East end of the barn: it is to be understood that the privilege of Egres and Regres is reserved to those who maybe owners of the Remaining part at the Building as it may be Expressed when we come to describe that part whereunto they may belong. We have likewise set off to the widdow six acres of wood land Lying near to a place Called Nockkom which is bounded northwestward by the highway, Southwestward by the old bounds of the Lot Running from the Highway to the salt Meadow and from the Southward Corner of sd Lot running northeastward by the Salt Meadow twenty six Rods to a walnut saplin standing In an old fence: then beginning at the westward Corner of sd Lot and running by sd highway twenty six rods to a stake by the highway thence on a line to the sd walnut saplin Likewise to the widdows thirds we have ordered all the Salt Meadow which belongs to sd Estate Lying on the Islands near to sd. Nockkom which parcels of Land and Meadow with the housing as above described we Judge to be a full third part of the housing and Land.—

Item. To Nathaniel Bozworth the Eldest Son of the said Deceased we have a Loted and laid out a part of the home Lot Containing about four acres Lying where formerly *old Mr. Bozworths* house stood it being Bounded Easterly and Southerly by highways: westerly by the bounds of the widdows thirds and northwardly by the Land of James Thomas: Likewise to sd Nathaniel Bozworth one Small Lot of Land Lying near to a place Called Johnsons place on New Meadow-neck and all the salt Meadow which belongs to the sd Estate—lying on the mainland near to sd Nockkom: which meadow together with that set out to the widow are in partnership with other men and undivided: Likewise to sd Nathaniel Bozworth we have ordered all the house barn and seller except what is above ordered and set out to the widdow with the priviledg of Egress and Regres to and from any part of the house seller or barn which fall to him: that is a convenientcy of yard-room at the house and barn with the priviledg of Doors and stairs to go into his part at the housing.

Item To John Bozworth the second son we have a Loted and Laid out a part of the home lot which part Lyeth on the northward side of the widdows thirds and is bounded Southward by the widdows thirds and westward by the highway and Eastward by the Land of James Thomas being twelve Rods and half a rod wide Runing from the orchard fence to a stake by the highway and another Stake in the Line both stakes being twelve Rods and half from sd orchard fence.

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- Item To David Bozworth the third Son We have aloted and Laid out the one half of a peice of Salt Meadow lying in the Hundred acres—which half or part is bounded westward by a ditch and so running upward the whole breadth of the meadow to a small ditch which Croseth the Meadow there being a stake on Each side of the meadow pitched in sd ditch: also to sd David Bozworth a parcel of land In a wood lot bounded by the highway and a whit oak saplin by the meadow.
- Item To Oliver Bozworth the fourth son we have allotted and Laid out a Certain part of the Salt Meadow In the hundred acres which part is bounded westward by a small ditch which Croseth meadow and so running the whole breadth of the meadow unto a great ditch by the upland: also a parcel of Land In a wood lot bounded Southerly by the Land laid out to his Brother David, westward by the highway, Eastward by the salt meadow and northward by the northward bounds of the whole Lot this part is Sixteen Rods wide by the meadow and ten Rods wide by the highway.
- Item To Elizabeth the wife of John Thomas we have aloted and laid out a Certain parcel of Land with an orchard upon it lying adjoining to sd John Thomas his own Land northwardly bounding westwardly by the highway and Eastwardly by the Land of Benjamin Hunts Runing Southward from sd Thomas his own Land about twenty six Rods to stakes set on each side.
- Item To Mary Bozworth the second Daughter of the sd Deceased we have aloted and laid out a Certain parcel of Land bounded westerly by the highway northward by the Land laid out to her Sister, the wife of John Thomas Eastward by the Land of Benjamin Hunt, and Southward by the Land laid out to her Brother Oliver: this Lot Runs from sd Thomas his land about forty Rods Southward, a stake being the Corner by the sd highway we have Likewise ordered to these two (viz) Elizabeth the wife of John Thomas and Mary Bozworth the second Daughter: to these two we have ordered and aloted In equal parts all that Right or Intrest which the sd Deceased had In or to Certain Land In Common with Mr. Harding or others: Lying in Swanzey together with all the Common Rights In Swanzey belonging to the sd Deceased.
- Item To Annah Bozworth the third Daughter we have aloted and Laid out a certain parcel of Land in the home lot which part is bounded Northward and Eastward by the Land of James Thomas westward by the highway and Southward by the Land Laid out to her Sister Lidia—
- Item To Lidia Bozworth the fourth Daughter we have aloted and Laid out a Certain part of the home lot which part is bounded Southward to the Land laid out to her Brother John Bozworth and westward by the highway. Eastward by the Land of James Thomas this Lot is seventeen Rods wide, a stake being the northwest Corner and another stake in the Line, holding an Equal breadth till it Cometh to sd James Thomas his Land. We have Likewise taken out of the personal Estate of the said John Bozworth Deceased for each of his Children these following sums at a vallue according to the best of our Judgment.

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Item To Nathaniel Bozworth the Eldest son we have set out	£	s.	d
one gun one Sword with all vehicles therewith used .	3..	3..	0
one suit of apparrel	5..	0..	0
all the Carpenters tools	5..	3..	6
Eight Sheep	3..	3..	8
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	16..	10..	2*
Item—To John Bozworth the second son ordered			
and set out one mair	6..	0..	0
one yearling Calf one draught Chain one pair of Leather			
britches, one frow and two branding irons	2..	5..	1
	<hr/>		
	8..	5..	1
Item—To David Bozworth the third son			
one Cow, one three year old heifer	7..	0..	0
one draught Chain, half a Log chain, one yoke	1..	5..	1
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	8..	5..	1
Item To Oliver Bozworth the fourth son			
three heifers	6..	10..	0
Three hoes one yoke and Irons beetle and wedges two			
syths one sickle Cops and pin	1..	01..	6
two sheep	0..	13..	7
	<hr/>		
	8..	05..	1
Item To Elisabeth the Eldest Daughter			
the wife of John Thomas we find by a receipt			
under the hand of John Thomas that shee			
hath Received her full part of sd Estate———			
Item To Mary Bozworth the second Daughter			
one featherbed and furniture and one old table	8..	5..	1
Item To annah Bozworth the third Daughter			
one bed with woollen tickin and the furniture one Case			
of Draws one spinning wheel one Chair one Trammel and			
one old Table	8..	5..	1
Item To Lidia Bozworth the fourth Daughter			
one bed and furniture, one Chest, one Trammel one			
Gridiron and one Chaffindish	5..	15..	1
Cash two pounds and ten shillings	2..	10..	1
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	8..	5..	0
We have likewise Left In the hands of the Late widdow			
(viz) <i>the wife of James Thurber,</i>			
Sundry goods of the sd Intestate: to the value of Thirty			
seven pounds two shillings and ten pence	37..	2..	10

*The eldest son had a double portion.

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Given under our hands the 2nd Day of March 1724/5*

James Bowen, Samuel Hills, Joseph Peck, Robert Wheaton, Peter Hunt.

As may be seen by the above papers, before Elizabeth had finished her duties as Administrator, she had married James Thurber. He certainly must have had courage, for she had at the death of John, seven living children and after his death had given birth to one more. Three of the sons, Nathaniel, David and Oliver, at maturity emigrated to Connecticut, but returned about 1740 and sold their rights in their mother's thirds to their brother-in-law Richard Thomas. Nathaniel and Oliver were of Middletown, Conn., and David was of Lebanon, Conn., at that time.

July 25, 1750, Elizabeth Thurber, of Rehoboth, widow, buys land of Joseph Wheaton of Rehoboth, 5 a. "of Salt Meadow" at New Meadow Neck. (Warren Deeds)

July 23, 1750, Elizabeth Thurber, widow, of Rehoboth, sells to Israel Peck of Warren, 1 a. of "Salt Meadow in Warren being an Island near a place Called Nockum Hill"—(for £40 "old tenor")

Lydia Kelley } Elizabeth signed with her mark.
Nathaniel Peck } Witnesses.

(Lydia Kelley, one of the above witnesses was the youngest daughter of Elizabeth, and Nathaniel Peck was no doubt a cousin of John Bosworth, son of his aunt Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck, for he was living in Barrington at that time.)

June 7, 1773, "Stephen Bullock Adm^r to E. Thur^r." sells to Samuel Bullock, yeoman, 2 a. of Salt Meadow in Barrington, "late the estate of Eliz. Thurber and which sd land is Sold and conveyed . . . by virtue of an Order of the Sup^r. Court of the Colony aforesd at the last April" etc. (Barrington, R. I. Deeds; Bk. 1, p. 60).

NOTE: The following is an extract from a letter to the compiler from Henry M. Thompson, Clerk of the Superior Court, Bristol, R. I.: "There is a record in this office, filed in the April Term of Court, 1773, whereby Stephen Bullock was given the right to sell 2 acres of Salt Marsh in Barrington, late the estate of Elizabeth Thurber."

Samuel Bullock was the son-in-law of Elizabeth Thurber; the husband of her daughter, Anna (or Hannah) (Bosworth) Bullock.

As Elizabeth had probably died shortly before the date of the order appointing Stephen Bullock Admr., in April 1773, it appears that she was in her 91st year at the time of her death.

(*She was m. to Jas. Thurber, Feb. 18, 1724.)

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CHILDREN

of John⁴ and Elizabeth (Toogood) Bosworth
born in Swansea, Mass.

- 137 + i—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Apr. 30, 1703; d. Apr. 7, 1725; m. abt. 1720,
John Thomas, Jr.
- 138 + ii—MARY⁵, b. Apr. 4, 1705; d. ———— ; m. Richard Thomas
- 139 + iii—ANNA⁵ (or HANNAH), b. 1706*; m. Samuel Bullock.
- 140 + iv—NATHANIEL⁵, b. Aug. 14, 1709; d. Oct. 25, 1807; m. (1)
Bethia Hinckley; m. (2) Elizabeth Eddy.
- 141 + v—JOHN⁵, b. Sept. 9, 1711; d. before June 1745; m. Elizabeth
Wheaton.
- 142 + vi—LYDIA⁵, b. Sept. 17, 1713; m. John Kelley.
- 143 vii—RACHEL, b. Apr. 5, 1716; must have d. y., not mentioned in
the division of John's estate.
- 144 + viii—David,† b. Feb. 14, 1717/8; d. after 1786; m. Mary Strong.
- 145 + ix—OLIVER⁵, b. prob. the one born 1719 or 20, after the death of
the father; d. ————; m. Susannah Collins.

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JABEZ⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers in the Mayflower; born in Swansea, Mass., Feb. 14, 1673; died in Rehoboth, Sept. 21, 1747; married about 1700, SUSANNAH (———), died Mar. 21, 1758. Jabez is called a "Cordwainer," which was a shoemaker. His name was sometimes written "Jabesh," but the proper spelling seems to have been *Jabez*, a name that came from the Howland family. He was always known as "Captain" Jabez, so was probably a captain in the militia.

In the "Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth," Book 3. is given "The Record of the Bounds of the Lands of Jabez Bozworth."

*The leaf on which this birth was recorded is torn, so that only the year remains; the month and day are gone. As they were Baptists, there is no church record of baptisms.

†On the Swansea records this name was written *Daniel*, but it must have been an error of the town clerk, as there is no *David* given, while there was a *David*, but no *Daniel* when the division of John's estate was made. Another indication that the name was David is that John had a brother David, but not a Daniel. Hence the compiler, who is a descendant of David, has not hesitated to give the birth date recorded with the name Daniel, to David.

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Imp^r. Three acres of land be it more or less purchased of Leut Moses Read being upon his Rights In the last Division granted Anno 1707/8 Lyeing adjoining to the sd Bozworth own Land (being his house lott) Bounded Southerly the Roade Easterly a highway of four Rods wide Runing Between this land & the land of the heirs of Isaac Allen Till it come to Benjamin Allens land Then Bounded with sd Benjamin Allens land & his own land till it come to the S. E. corner of Joseph Pecks land Being the Bounds Between the sd Pecks land & the sd Bozworth land
laid out June ye 6th 1710 John Butterworth Surveyor."

Mar. 21, 17¹²/₁₃, Jabez and his brother John were witnesses to the will of John Martin of Swansea.

Dec. 23, 1720, Ephraim May and Jabez Bosworth, "Cordwainer", both of Rehoboth, buy 25 a. of land of the heirs of Nathaniel Whitaker. This land lay between parcels of land owned by the buyers, and was divided in the middle, the half lying against Ephraim May's land was to belong to him and that part next Jabez Bosworth's land to belong to him "sd Mays part being the west part and the said bozworths part being the Easterly part." Joseph and Nicholas Peck were witnesses. (Ephraim May's wife was Deliverance Peck, daughter of Israel and Bethia (Bosworth) Peck.)

Apr. 20, 1742, Jabez Bosworth one of the appraisers on the estate of Joseph Peck.

Apr. 20, 1746, Jabez Bosworth of Rehoboth "Gent^m", for £55 deeds to Nathaniel Toogood of Barrington mariner 3 a. of land in Barrington salt marsh bounded N. to ye river or cove S. to Upland E. to ye landing W. on land of John Martin

Robert Wheten (Signed) Jabez Bozworth
Joseph Bozworth ye 2nd—Witnesses.

As stated above, Jabez died Sept. 21, 1747, leaving a will, dated May 29, 1747, proved Oct. 6, 1747, which was as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

This twenty Ninth Day of May in the Twentieth year of his majesties Reign Annoque Domini 1747 I Jabez Bosworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the Massachusets Bay in Newengland Cordwainer being aged and infirm of Body but of Sound mind and memory Thanks be Given to God Calling to mind my mortality and that it is appointed for men once to die do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say Principally and first of all I Commend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor herein after named and as to my Wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give demise and Dispose thereof in the following manner—Imprs. my Will is that my Debts and funerall Charges be paid in convenient Time by my Executor.

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- Item I give to my Loving and beloved Wife Susannah Bosworth all the west end of my Dwelling House and a privelege in the Celler to put what she has occasion for her own use Likewise at the well for water and at the oven for Baking together with the Income of the one half of my Real estate During the Time she remains my widow.
- Item I give to my s^d wife all my Bedding and the furniture thereof both Linnen & woollen Likewise all my Pewter with all my Table Linnen to her own use and at her own Dispose forever
- Item I give to my said wife so Long as she remain my widow the use & Improvement of all the rest of my Household goods as Iron Brass Earthen and wooden ware: But at her decease or marriage to be Equally Divided between my Daughter Hannah Carpenter and my Two Grand Daughters Susannah farechild & susannah Cole That is to say the one half thereof to my Daughter Hannah Carpenter and the other half to my two grand daughters susannah farechild & susannah Cole equally between them to whom I give the same at my wifes decease or marriage as afores^d
- Item I give to s^d wife one Hundred and forty pounds old Tenor to be paid by my Executor within one year after my Decease: and my will is & I further order that my s^d Executor shall keepe her a sutable Beast and furniture for her to ride on when and where she shall se Cause so long as she is my widow and also that he Cut and Cart her sufficient firewood and make her fire as she shall need
- Item I give to my Daughter Hannah Carpenter in addition to what I have already given her Thirty Pounds in Bills of publick Credit of the old Tener or so much in other Bills of Credit as shall be Equivolent thereto in full of her Portion (to her heirs or assigns
- Item I give to my Grand Daughter Susannah Farechild Thirty Pounds and a good Cow the s^d Thirty Pounds to be in old Tener also to her her heirs & assigns:
- Item I give to my Grandson Jabez Bullock Twenty Pounds old Tener to to him his heirs or assigns.
- Item I give to my Grand Daughter susannah Cole five pounds old Tener.
- Item I give to my granddaughter Elisabeth Bullock & to her heirs Ten pounds old Tener.
- Item my Will is that these severall Legacies given as aforesd be given by my Executor within three years after my Decease viz my Legacies to my Daughter and grandchildren.
- Item I give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Bosworth whom I Likewise make Constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament all the rest of my Estate both Real and personal of every kind & Denomination to him his heirs and assigns forever that is to say what is not otherwise Disposed of to come into his possession at my Decease & what of my House and privilege to my wife during her widowhood to be also and belong to my s^d son at her marriage or Decease (except that part of my personal Estate which is otherwise

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hereby disposed of) And I do revoke and disanull all other or former wills By me made and ratify and Confirm this to be my Last will and Testament: In witness whereof I the said Jabez Bosworth have hereto set my hand & seal the Day and year first within written.

Signed sealed published
& Declared by the sd Jabez
Bosworth to be his last will
and Testament in presence of
Daniel Hunt
Mary Hunt
Sam^{ll} Howland

Jabez Bozworth (seal)

Bristol ss Rehoboth October ye 6th 1747

Witnesses made oath—

The inventory on his estate, made Oct. 20, 1747, follows:

A True Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Estate of Capt Jabez Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased Taken By us ye Subscribers October ye 20th 1747.

	£	s.	d.
To Wearing Aparrel	68..	8..	
To one Cane	2..	10..	
To Arms and Amunition	16..		
To Sundry Books	8..		
To Silver Money	8..		
To Bills of Credit	20..		
To Bonds and Notes for Money	283..	18..	10
To two silver spoons	8..		
To Best Bed and furniture	60..		
To Next Best Bed and furniture	34..	10..	
To Another Bed	20..		
To sheets and Table Linin	31..	10..	
To sundry Puter ware	29..		
To A Brass Cittle	10..		
To Iron ware within Doors	14..	5..	
To Earthen ware Glass ware and Looking Glass	2..	16..	
To 3 Baggs 24 shillings yarn wool and flax 12 pounds 16 shillings	14..		
To sundry Chests and Tables	27..		
To sundry Chairs 5 pound 5 shillings foot wheel 45 shillings worsted Combs 3 Pound Coffee mill 35 shillings	12..	5..	
To Woolen wheel and Cards	2..	5..	
To Barrels Tubs and pails	6..	12..	6
To 20 weight of Butter	4..	10..	
To 4 Barrels of sider	6..		
To 30 weight of Cheas	3..		
To 30 Bushels of Corn one Bushel and half of Beans	22..	10..	
To sole and uper Leather	2..	10..	
To one saddle and Bridle	10..		

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To one Riding Beast	55.. ..
To Land Buildings and salt Meadow	1726..10.. 6
To 2 oxen 52 pound 4 Cows 68 pound 4 young Cattle 45 pounds	165.. ..
To a year and vantage Colt	30.. ..
To 25 Sheep	37..10..
To 9 swine	28.. ..
To Plows Chains and other Iron Tacklin	12..11..
To Hay stalks and husks	45.. ..
To 14 Bushels of Rie	12..12..
To 25 Bushels of Oats	10.. ..
To 100 weight of Tobacco	5.. ..

Total in old Tenor	2854..13..10
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[Real Estate]	1726..10.. 6
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Aaron Kingsley } Daniel Hunt } Samuel Mason }	[Personal Estate]	1128.. 3.. 4
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The Appraisers

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Jabez was buried in Nockum Hill Burying Ground, on One Hundred Acre Cove, not far from the grave of his brother John; and near him his son Joseph and some of his grandchildren.*

Susannah, wife of Jabez, outlived him ten years, dying Mar. 21, 1758, leaving a will dated, May 2, 1757, proved Mar. 22, 1758.

WILL OF SUSANAH BOSWORTH

In the name of God Amen

I Susanah Bozworth of Rehoboth In the County of Bristol in y^e Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England: Widdow of Jabez Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased. Being Sick and weak Though (Through Mercy) of Sound Disposeing mind and memory. And Calling to mind the mortallity of my Body and the Brevity and Unsertainty of my Natural Life: Do Make and Ordain This my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to Say first and Principaly I Comit my Soul into The Hands of God That Gave it My body I Commit to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor Hereinafter Named in Hope of a Glorious Rezurrection to Eternal life at the Last-Day And as for Such wordly Goods and Estate as it hath Pleased God to Bless me with I will and Order that the Same be Disposed off Employed and Bestowed In The Following Manner——viz

*The gravestones were fast going to decay when I saw them last, and I tried to influence one of his descendants to see that they were repaired, but I do not know whether anything ever came of it.

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Imprimis I Do hereby Will and Order That all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges and Just Expences of all Sorts be Well and Truly Paid out of my Estate with all Convenient Speed After my Desease

Item I Do hereby Give and Bequeath unto my Four Grand Daughters the Daughters of my Son Joseph Bozworth Deseast Namely Patience Bozworth and Mary Bozworth and Susanah Bozworth and Annah Bozworth Two Shillings Each in Lawfull money to be Paid by my Executor within one year after my Desease——

Item I Do Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Jeddediah Carpenter my Great Bible and four Pounds in Lawfull money: Item:/I give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Carpenter Two Pounds and Ten Shillings in Lawfull money——

Item I do Give unto my Grand Daughter Susanah, the wife of Aaron Barney my Best Silver Spoon and my meanest Bed and furniture and Two Pounds in Lawfull money and one third Part of my Pewter and Linen and one Half Part of my wareing Apparel Except my Black Taffaty Gound and my Russel Gound and Silk Gloves——

Item I Give unto my Grand Daughter Susanah Fairchild My Russel Gound (above Excepted) and Two Pounds in Lawfull money (Item) I do Give unto my Grand Daughter susannah Cole Two Pounds in Lawfull Money and my Best Bed and furniture and one Third Part of my Puter and linen and one half my wareing Apparel Except The Two Gound before Excepted and Silk Gloves——

Item I give unto my Grandson Jabez Bullock Two Pounds in Lawfull money——

Item I give unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Bullock my Black Taffaty Gound and Silk Gloves and my meanest Silver Spoon and one Third Part of my Peuter & Linen and Two Pounds in Lawfull money: (Item) I give unto my Great Grand Child Jabez Barney (son of Aaron Barney) Eighteen Shillings in Lawfull money: The Several Sums of money Given and Bequeathed I hereby will & order my Executor hereafter Named to Pay to the Several Persons to whome it is given within one year after my Desease (out of my Estate.) All the Rest and Residue of my Estate wheresoever found or in whatsoever Specie it be I give and Bequeath To be Equally Divided to & Among my Grand Children./I Do Hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoin my Trusty Friend Daniel Barney of the Town and County abovesaid Sole Executor to This my Last Will and Testament——

In witness where of I the Said Susanah Bozworth have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal This second Day of May Anno Domini 1757 and in the Thirtyeth year of his Majestyes Reighn George The Second King &c.

Constant Barney
Daniel Barney Junr.
Benajah Barney

} Witnesses

Her
Susanah *f* Bozworth
mark

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An Inventory of all and Singuler the Goods Credits and Estate of Susanna Bozworth widow of Jabez Bozworth Late of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol Decest Died Seized of within Sd County Taken by us the Subscribers this twenty Seventh Day of March A:D 1758: in Lawfull mony.

Imprimis Her apparil (viz)	£	s.	d.
To a Black Taffety gown.....	3	10	0
to 1 pr of Silk gloves 3s/to a Rusell gown 56s/.....	2	19	0
to 2 Silk Crape gowns.....	1	05	6
to 2 Black wosted gowns 30s/to 2 old gowns 7s/.....	1	17	0
to the Best Quilted Coat 7s/to ye next Best Quilted Coat 6s/	0	13	0
to 3 old Coats 7s/to 1 pr Stays 1s/6d to 3 pr old gloves/4d....	0	08	10
to 1 white apron and one Checkered Ditto 7/6.....	0	07	6
to Blew Calico apron & Checkered Too Ditto 3s/.....	0	03	0
to Black goze handkerchif 3s/ to muslen Ditto 2s/6d.....	0	05	6
to 4 old hankerchifs 2s/3d to 11 caps 6s.....	0	08	3
to 2 Cotten & Lining Shirts 13s/to 5 Ditto 16s/.....	1	09	0
to 6 pr Stalkings 2s/to 1 pr. Shoos 2s/.....	0	04	0
to a Lute String hood 2s/to a Ridinghood 10s/to a Short Cloak 1s/.....	0	13	0
to 17 Too Sheets 50s/to 4 Table Cloaths 3/6.....	2	13	6
to 6 Knapkins 5s/to 6 Pillebeers 5/8.....	0	10	8
to the Best Beed and Bolster and 1 Pillow.....	5	06	0
to the under Beed: beed Stid and Cord 6s/6d to 1 Cotten & Lining Sheet 12s/.....	0	18	6
to 1 Too Sheett 7s/6d to 2 Blankits 7s/6d to a Coverled 5s/	1	00	00
to an old bed Quilt 4s/to an old Sute of Curtains 10s/.....	0	14	00
to the next Best Beed and Bolster and 1 Pillow.....	2	05	00
to the under Beed: beed Stid and Cord 7s/6d to 1 Cotten and Lining Sheett 10s/.....	0	17	06
to 1 Too Sheet 7s/6d to 2 Blankits 6s/to 1 Coverled 16s/...	1	09	06
to an old Coverlid 1s/6d.....	0	01	06
to 4 Large Pewter Platters 24s/to 5 Ditto 23s/to 1 Doz Pewter Plates 18s/to 3 Bassons 9s/6d to 3 Porengers & Small Plate and Small Pewter Cups 4/6 to an old quart pot and Basson 3s/.....	4	02	00
to 75 wt of Pork 25s/to 15 wt of Beaff 2s/6d to 1 Peck Beens /9 to 1 Gallon of molleses 2s/6d to hogs fatt 1s/6d.....	1	12	3
to 2 Silver Spoons 21s/to 2 Lings of Silver Buttons 1/6....	1	02	06
to 1 pr Spectticles.....	0	00	06
to mony Due from Stephens Peck by a note of hand.....	5	00	00
to mony Due from James Wheler by two nots of hand.....	4	16	10
to money Due from Dan ^{ll} Whitaker by note of hand.....	1	13	10
to mony due from Ebenezer Allen by note of hand.....	2	16	03
to mony Due from Aaron Barney by note of hand.....	1	00	00
to mony Due from James Hill by note of hand.....	7	04	08
To mony Due from the Estate of Nathan Hammon By a not of hand.....	2	19	05

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To mony Due from Samuel Ormsbee by a note of hand....	2	01	10
To mony Due from Jonathan Bozworth by a note of hand..	2	07	06
To mony Due from Benj ⁿ Allen by a note of hand.....	0	16	00
To mony Due from Rosbothom Munroo by note of hand..	6	00	00
To mony Due from Capt Dan ^{ll} Hunt by note of hand....	2	12	00
To mony Due from Joseph Allen by two nots of hand....	1	03	07
To mony Due from Preserved Brayton.....	2	02	02
To twenty Eight Pounds old Tenor Rhoad Island Bills which wee Value at 28 ^s /Lawful mony.....	1	08	00

Totall.....	£80	19	01
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Samuel Bullock

William Bullock

James Wheaton

Bristol ss Aprill y^e 5th 1758

NOTE: When appointed by the Court, Samuel Bullock was called a "yeoman," William Bullock, "gentleman," and James Wheaton, "housewright."

The account of David Barney as Exr. to the above will was not made until Dec. 8, 1762. There seems to have been some difficulty connected with it as shown by his account.

The Exr. chargeth himself with £80..19s..1d the amount of the Inventory, and among the long list of various credits—"to One day argueing with Capt. Hunt about an arbitration, 0.. 2.. 6
to one day spent with the arbitrators 0.. 2.. 6
to taking out a writt against J Bozworth and my charge in
getting y^e writts served and preparing for trial at Court . . . 0.. 6.. 0
Paid to Isaiah Hunt in Carying on y^e affair 0.. 6.. 0
paid to Daniel Hunt for serving the writt 0.. 4.. 8

CHILDREN

of Jabez⁴ and Susanna (——) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 146+ i—ZACHARIAH⁵, b. July 11, 1701; d. Feb. 19, 1726/7; m. Mary Callonder.
- 147 ii—JABISH⁵, b. Sept. 10, 1705; d. Nov. 13, 1725, aged 20.
- 148+ iii—HANNAH⁵, b. Jan. 31, 1707; d. Feb. 13, 1748; m. Charles Carpenter.
- 149+ iv—MARY⁵, b. Apr. 11, 1710; d. July 16, 1739; m. Ebenezer Cole.
- 150+ v—JOSEPH⁵, b. May 8, 1714; d. Jan. 5, 1754; m. (1) Patience Toogood, m. (2) Patience Wheaton.
- 151+ vi—PATIENCE⁵, b. Dec. 8, 1717; d. Apr. 7, 1747; m. John Bullock.

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ICHABOD⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³, Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, Mayflower passengers; born in Swansea, Mass., March 18, 1676; died, probably in Bellingham, Mass. ————; married first, SARAH STACY (birth and parentage not found), intention published in Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 3, 1700-1; died in Rehoboth, Feb. 5, 1710/11; married second MARY (———).

Ichabod was a blacksmith and owned a home in Rehoboth with 14 acres of land on which was a blacksmith shop. In the town records of Rehoboth is the following entry, dated

March 19, 1705, "It was voted by the town that Ichabod Bosworth shall have liberty to set up a hammer to go by water for the blacksmiths trade and a shop and coal-house upon the Ox-pasture run where the foot path goeth down the hill at the point of said hill: and the said Bosworth or his heirs are not to raise a dam higher than to flow an acre and a half."

May 21, 1709, Ichabod Bosworth of Rehoboth, blacksmith, for £33, 15 s. "currant silver money of New England," mortgages to Nathaniel Waterman of Providence, R. I., 14 acres of land in Rehoboth "by the Country Roade that leads out at the northerly end of the towne on the westerly side of saide Roade."

(Signed)

Ichabod Bosworth

Mortgage discharged April 6, 1711.

(Taunton Deeds, 5-546)

March 22, 1710/11, Ichabod Bosworth of Rehoboth, blacksmith, for £40 current silver money sells to John Bishop of Rehoboth, potter, 14 acres of land in Rehoboth with a dwelling house and shop standing thereon, bounded "southeasterly to a stake and a heap of stones by the Country Road and so along by Lieut Moses Reeds Land till it cometh to the Ox Pasture (so called) to a stake and a heap of stones for a corner then bounded Northerly and Northeasterly with said Ox Pasture and Southeasterly with said Road as the fence now standeth."

(Signed)

Ichabod Bosworth

Acknowledged in Providence Rhode Island Colony same date.

(Taunton Deeds, 16-233)

It will be observed that according to the above, Ichabod sold his home with the land and blacksmith shop, all his

possessions in Rehoboth, in a little over a month after the death of his wife Sarah. It appears that Sarah died about the time of the birth of a son named Henry, and Ichabod leaving the town so soon afterward failed to have his birth recorded. Just where Ichabod went at that time it is impossible to state, for a most diligent search in all the surrounding country has failed to yield any trace of him, until in 1712, when we find him, with a second wife named Mary, in Bristol, then in Massachusetts, now in Rhode Island, about ten or twelve miles south of Rehoboth. Here on Oct. 17, 1712, a baby girl was born to this second wife, and following the custom of those times the child was named Sarah from Ichabod's first wife, the daughter by the first wife named Sarah, having died young.

Ichabod's stay in Bristol was probably brief as he did not purchase land, at least no record of any purchase has been found. He probably went from there to a location near what is now the border line between the town of Bellingham, Mass. and Cumberland, R. I., but at that time was a part of Massachusetts. (This location is about 25 miles to the northwest of Bristol and 15 miles from Providence.) We gather this last from the fact that his sons are found later in that neighborhood, also for the reason that the compiler, on visiting this place in 1905, was told by the town clerk of Bellingham, then an old man who had kept the records of the town for many years and made them a study, that the location of Ichabod Bosworth's house was near to that of Capt. John Darling, the leading man of the town whose name heads the request for the incorporation of Bellingham, the location of his house being shown by the chimney still standing. Also, it may be mentioned in this connection, that Ichabod's son Henry, married the daughter of Capt. John Darling.

This town clerk also said, that in the neighborhood of these homes there was a Baptist meeting house that both attended with their families. (This was perfectly natural in Ichabod's case at least, as we have seen that his father, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., had suffered because of his membership in that denomination.) This church building was afterward sold to the Congregationalists and whatever records were kept

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by the Baptists have disappeared, at least this compiler after diligent search has been unable to get any trace of them.

It is probable that Ichabod and his second wife lived the remainder of their lives in this locality and died there, but neither the town records of Bellingham, nor any of the surrounding towns furnish proof that such was the case.

NOTE: In such a situation as the above the best we can do is to draw conclusions from such facts as we have, and the compiler feels that in this case they are very convincing. That the Ichabod, son of Jonathan, Jr., who had a wife Sarah who died in Rehoboth, and who afterward sold his property there and went away, was the same Ichabod who married a wife named Mary who was mother of the daughter born in Bristol, and that later lived in Bellingham with a family of five sons and at least one daughter who lived to maturity and married, the compiler, after years of study of the Bosworth family, is fully convinced. The facts referred to are these:

The eldest son of Ichabod⁴ Bosworth by his first wife, who lived to marry, was Ichabod⁵, born Sept. 4, 1708. He married in Middleboro, Joanna Cushman and had a son "Stacy" and a daughter "Sarah," both names of his mother. He also had a son Ichabod-, whose son was another Stacy Bosworth. (He was the father of Rev. George Whitfield Bosworth, a well-known Baptist clergyman.) Ichabod⁵ returned from Middleboro to Bellingham and later died in Cumberland. His widow married Sylvanus Scott, of Bellingham, an attendant of the Baptist church above mentioned.

The next son was Henry, who, as has been before stated, married a daughter of Capt. John Darling of Bellingham. They were married in Smithfield, R. I., a town just south of Cumberland, in 1732. They afterward lived in Mendon, the town from which Bellingham had been set off. There is abundant proof of these facts as will be shown later in the history of Henry.

The next son of Ichabod was Jonathan, son of the second wife (the second one named after his father, the eldest, the son of his first wife, having died young), who married in Wrentham, a town adjoining Bellingham, in 1744, and lived for a time in Bellingham where their elder children were born, the eldest named from his father, Ichabod, and the next from his mother, Mary. This Jonathan died in Royalston, Mass. Dec. 27, 1801, aged "87 yrs. 11 mo. and 25 days," so we see that he was born in 1714, two years after the daughter Sarah born in Bristol.

The next son was probably Benjamin; he married in Providence, in 1743, Anne Collins and lived in Scituate, R. I., a town set off from Providence at the same time as Smithfield. He died there Nov. 16, 1790.

The youngest son was Joseph, the best known of all the family, who, according to his age given on his grave stone, was born in 1719. He went to Halifax, Mass. where his uncle, David⁴ Bosworth, lived. The latter had left home in his young manhood and had not remained in the church of

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his father, but had become a Congregationalist and been appointed a deacon of the church. (See No. 60). Here Joseph was married on Nov. 6, 1741 to Ruth Fuller and on Nov. 29th following *he was baptized* and "owned the covenant," thus becoming a member of the Congregational church. The fact that he was baptized at that time shows that he had not been baptized in infancy, a situation which might be expected, as his father Ichabod belonged to the "Anabaptists," as they were then called. and that sect *did not believe in infant baptism*. Later on Joseph also became a deacon of the Halifax church and was known as "Deacon Joseph Bosworth." He married second, Sarah Cobb.

By reference to a paragraph in the preface of this Genealogy, which begins near the bottom of page 18, the reader will learn something of what the compiler has had to contend with in getting at the truth of the above. One thing that helped was the fact that however much the traditions and falsehoods found among the descendants of Deacon Joseph as to their ancestry might differ (and they are as a class deeply interested in the matter), there was one thing on which they all agreed and that was the names of Ichabod's children, the brothers and sister of Joseph, and as these agreed with the records that had been gathered from reliable sources, it was evident they could be relied on. The compiler trusts that the conclusions arrived at will be accepted as fact as she cannot see how they can be otherwise.

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of Ichabod⁴ Bosworth

By first wife Sarah Stacy born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 152 i—HANNAH⁵, b. Oct. 19, 1701; d. Jan. 17, 1702-3.
- 153 ii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Dec. 2, 1702; d. March 20, 1702-3.
- 154 iii—SARAH⁵, b. July 27, 1704; d. April 7, 1705.
- 155 iv—MARY⁵, b. Aug. 6, 1706.
- 156 + v—ICHABOD⁵, b. Sept. 4, 1708; d. Dec. 31, 1753; m. Joanna Cushman.
- 157 + vi—HENRY⁵, b. ———; d. ———; m. Deborah Darling.

By second wife Mary (———)

- 158 vii—SARAH⁵, b. in Bristol, Mass., Oct. 17, 1712.
- 159 + viii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Jan. 2, 1714; d. Dec. 27, 1801; m. Susannah Chillson.
- 160 + ix—BENJAMIN⁵, b. ———; d. Nov. 16, 1790; m. Anne Collins.
- 161 + x—JOSEPH⁵, b. about 1719; d. Aug. 1, 1769; m. (1) Ruth Fuller, m. (2) Sarah Cobb.

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JONATHAN⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, Mayflower passengers; born in Swansea, Mass., Sept. 22, 1680; died previous to Feb. 17, 1759, when an inventory on his estate was ordered; married in Swansea, Nov. 26, 1703, SARAH ROUND, daughter of John and first wife Abigail Round, born, probably in Swansea.

NOTE: The will of John Round of Swansea, probated Nov. 10, 1716, mentions three sons and five daughters, the fourth being Sarah, wife of Jonathan Bosworth, but the dates of her birth and death have not been found.

In 1698, Jonathan⁴, when a young man of eighteen was, employed by the selectmen of the town, to teach school the ensuing year. He was to teach in several places in the town by course, probably in the homes of the inhabitants. The town record reads:

"At ye meeting for choice of Town Officers March 28, 1699. Also then voted and confirmed the agreement the selectmen made with Jonathan Bosworth for schoolmaster this present year and to begin teaching the first month on Wannamoisett neck ye second month on New Meadow neck ye 3d month on Kickamuet ye 4 month at Barttroums neighborhood ye 5th at Mattapoisett and so successively and to have 18 pounds per annum. One fourth part in money the other three parts in provisions at money prices." The History of Barrington, says: "In 1701 pedagogue Bosworth is still teaching with his salary increased to £20 and his itinerary extended from Wannamoisett to Bartram's and 'he to satisfie for his diet out of his wages.'"

In 1703 Jonathan married and lived for awhile in Swansea, where at least two children were born. The birth of Amos, who seems to have been the eldest, is not recorded, but he appears in deeds and in the settlement of his father's estate. The birth of the son Ichabod is on the Swansea records, May 31, 1706, but that of the next, the daughter Christian, born in May 1708, is found on the Rehoboth records, as well as those who were born later, so it is probable that Jonathan moved from Swansea to Rehoboth between those dates.

Unless there has been an error made in a "History of the Baptists," by Isaac Backus, it appears that Jonathan⁴ was not true to the teachings of his father, Jonathan³, who suffered what might be called persecution for his allegiance to the Baptist faith, as we have seen; for in the above history we read:

"And for refusing to pay their year's tax to John Greenwood and David Turner, ministers of that town,* twenty-eight Baptists, two Quakers and two Episcopalians were seized and imprisoned at Bristol by *Jonathan Bosworth* and Jacob Ormsbee, constables of Rehoboth; the main of them on March 3, 1729." (The names are given and among the Baptists are Edmund Ingalls and Ephraim Martin, whose daughters married sons of Jonathan⁴. However it may be he felt called on to do this because of the office he held.) Further on the book says: "The families of Luther, Cole, Bowen, Wheaton, Martin, Barnes, Thurber, Bosworth, Mason, Child and others, which are numerous in those parts, sprang from the early planters of that town and church. Their first meeting-house was built a little west of Kelly's ferry, against Warren, but Mr. Miles settled the west side of the great bridge which bears his name."

(Mr. Miles was the Baptist pastor. See preceeding history of Jonathan³ Jr. Of the families named above, all but one inter-married with the Bosworth family.)

The land transactions of this Jonathan as recorded at Taunton, Mass., are as follows:

Dec. 9, 1709, Jonathan, called a husbandman of Rehoboth, sold to his older brother John⁴ "of Swansea carpenter," 23 acres of land situated "at a place Commonly called and known by the name of nockume on New meadow neck within the township of Swansey." This was evidently his Swansea home and the deed was signed by both Jonathan and Sarah his wife. This deed was found at Warren, R. I., in which township the above land is no doubt included at the present time. The witnesses were: Benjamin Carpenter, William West and John Carpenter. The signatures of Jonathan and Sarah were not acknowledged until July 1756.

Feb. 20, 1725/6, Jonathan Bosworth "of Rehoboth husbandman", sold to John Frankling of Rehoboth, cordwainer, his "messuage farm or Tene-ment" of 40 acres "situated in the S. E. part of Monwheague Plain . . . with the Dwelling House out housen fences fencing stuff orchards nurseries

* Rev. David Turner and Rev. John Greenwood were pastors of churches in Rehoboth from about 1725 to 1750, or later.

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Garden plat wells water" etc. Daniel Bullock, Jotham Carpenter and John West, witnesses.
(Taunton Deeds, 17-18)

Jan. 29, 1730/31, Jonathan sold to Josiah Millard, both of Rehoboth, a three cornered piece of land containing one acre, situated at "Rockey River" in Rehoboth, for £10. This land was on the west side of the highway and was bounded on the south by land of Amos Bosworth (Jonathan's eldest son), that he had bought of his father on July 13, 1730, the previous year, 25 acres for 182 pounds 10 shillings.
(Taunton Deeds, 23-364)

NOTE: The above deed contained the form explained on page 38 of Part I,—“a good perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple according to his majestic maner of East Greenwich in the County of Kent within the Realm of England in free and Common Souage and not in Capite and Knights Service but without any manner of Condition Reversion or Limitation whatsoever” etc.

Sept. 13, 1734, Jonathan again sold land to his son Amos, 10 acres on the east side of Palmer river and the west side of Rocky river, for which he paid £50. Jonathan is called a “yeoman” in this deed.

Oct. 1, 1751, the year Jonathan was 71 years of age and Sarah his wife probably not much younger, they sold to Amos, 22 acres of land in Rehoboth, “Lying by Rock river on both sides of ye Road that leads from John Hixes to ye Meeting House,” for 100 pounds. In signing this deed Sarah “made her mark.”

Feb. 1, 1759, Jonathan had died and Sarah made request at Court that her son Amos be appointed administrator on her husband's estate, as she was “old and very incapable,” so she stated. Her petition was granted and the inventory was ordered Feb. 17, 1759. Amos, with Samuel and Daniel Bullock gave bonds on Apr. 3, 1759. The whole amount of the inventory, made Feb. 23, 1759, was £122..00..19. In the account of the administrator, the following appears:

“Several Charges of ye diseased as followeth	
To John Wheeler for docktrain him in his sickness	00..17..10
To John Hix for making ye Coffen	00..06..00
To John Millerd diging ye Grave	00..02..00
	£01..05..10

The sd acoumptent prays allowance for what chargues he has bin att in Gitting things for his Ancient mother sence ye deth of ye diseased.”
Among other charges
To two quarts of Rum 00..01..09
Also “The Acomptent prays alowence of Several articles for his Ancient Mother to keep house with” etc.

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CHILDREN

of Jonathan⁴ and Sarah (Round) Bosworth
the first two born in Swansea, the rest in Rehoboth.

- 162 + i—AMOS⁵, b. prob. in 1704; d. ———— ; m. (1) Eunice Ingalls; (2) Mrs. Deborah (Easterbrook) Ingalls.
- 163 + ii—ICHABOD⁵, b. May 31, 1706; d. btw. Aug. 10, 1775, when he made his will, and Sept. 6th of the same year when it was probated; m. (1) Mary Bowen; (2) Bethia Wood; (3) Waitstill Higgins.
- 164 + iii—CHRISTIAN⁵, b. May 16, 1708; d. ———— ; m. Jonathan Soul (or Soule), of Tiverton, R. I.
- 165 + iv—JONATHAN⁵, b. Feb. 26, 1710/11; d. Nov. 1797; m. (1) Judith Martin; (2) Thankful Martin; (3) Mary ————
- 166 + v—ELISHA⁵, b. July 8, 1713; d. previous to 1758; m. Elizabeth Martin.

NOTE: Christian Bosworth and Jonathan Soul of Tiverton, R. I., were married at Rehoboth, Mass., Feb. 29, 1735/6. The compiler looked in the records of Tiverton expecting to find something of the family, but was disappointed.

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ELIZABETH⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born at Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 17, 1681; died about 1714; married at Rehoboth, Jan. 1, 1707, DANIEL READ, son of Daniel and Hannah (Peck) Read, born at Rehoboth, Jan. 20, 1680. He was known as "Capt. Read."

On May 13, 1709, "Daniel Read, Sen^r., for ye Dear Love & Affection that I have to my Eldest son Daniel Read Jun^r. and for his Settlement & well being in This world", etc. deeded 50 acres of the "North Purchased lands in Rehoboth."

Daniel and Elizabeth lived at Rehoboth until after the death of Elizabeth, where six children were born to them. Capt. Read then married second, Dec. 8, 1715, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Timothy and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ide, born in Rehoboth, Mar. 16, 1690, and removed to Attleboro, Mass., where ten more children were born. Capt. Daniel Read

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made his will in Attleboro, Apr. 25, 1740, naming second wife Elizabeth, and son Daniel as executors. The will was probated Oct. 21, 1740. He willed to his wife:

"the West end of the House During her life also all Moveable Estate within Doores & Likewise 3 cows and also a horse with the Riding Tacklen thereto belonging and also 20 sheep and Likewise all the land and orchard on the South Side of the New Lane and also as much Room in the Barn as to put in her Hay and to House her Creatures in & also to Sheep A Pigg or two and Likewise my son Daniel I do oblige to Provide for his Mother firewood Winter and summer yearly and every year during her Natural Life." He gave certain things to his son Ichabod in addition to what he had already given him, and adds: "upon the consideration above given I oblige my son Ichabod to Pay to *his three own sisters*, the sum of five Pounds to each of them to be Paid Within three years after my decease." The five pounds to each of these daughters was in addition to what he had already given them. He gave to Daniel the east end of his house, and the west end after his mother's death. He willed to the other three sons of his second wife: Noah, Samuel and Benjamin; and to his four daughters, also by second wife; Elizabeth, Abigail, Rachel and Thankful, 50 pounds apiece, "to be paid by the executors after they come to lawful age." His wife to be guardian to the daughters under age and son Daniel to the sons until they reached the age of 21.

The above son Daniel lived and died in Attleboro; he made his will Oct. 13, 1788, probated Mar. 3, 1801, and said in closing: "That that peace & amity which hath happily subsisted among my beloved children may continue & abound when I shall sleep in dust, May the God of peace grant them every blessing." A wish and prayer that any parent might echo. His wife was Mary, his sons Matthew, Peter, Joel, Daniel, Levi and William; his daughters Hannah Tyler, Mary Barrows and Eunice Sprague.

Sept. 18, 1745, Elizabeth Read of Attleborough, "widow and Relict of Capt. Daniel Read (Deceased) "buys 24 acres of land in Attleboro "the southerly part of a fifty acre Lott that Capt. John Butterworth and Capt. Timothy Ide purchased of Daniel Smith as per a Deed Baring Date ye 27th of December Anno Dom. 1694."

(The persons mentioned above were all related to the family: Capt. John Butterworth was father of Noah Butterworth who married Judith, sister of the first wife Elizabeth Bosworth, and Daniel Smith was their grandfather. Capt. Timothy Ide was the father of the second wife Elizabeth Ide, and Timothy and Daniel Ide were her brothers.)

CHILDREN

of Daniel and 1st wife Elizabeth (Bosworth) READ
born at Rehoboth, Mass.

167 i—BERIAH READ, b. Oct. 29, 1707; m. Nehemich Buckland of Rehoboth, son of Joseph and Mehitable (Sabin), grandson of

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Joseph and Deborah (Allen), and greatgrandson of William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland. Beriah was of Attleboro; the intention was published in Rehoboth, Nov. 8, 1730. They lived in Rehoboth where five children were born to them. (See p. 147)

- 168 ii—ICHABOD READ, b. Oct. 8, 1708; m. at Rehoboth, Feb. 28, 1733/4, Elizabeth Chaffee of Rehoboth, dau. of David and Patience (Addington) Chaffee, b. Mar. 21, 1710/11. He was of Attleboro where they probably resided.
- 169 iii—HANNAH READ, b. Feb. 5, 1709/10; m. Barak Buckland of Rehoboth, son of Barak and Alice (Woodcock), grandson of Joseph and Deborah (Allen), and great-grandson of William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland. They lived in Rehoboth where four children were born. (See Buckland history.)
- iv—ABIGAIL READ, b. Apr. 29, 1711; d. Nov. 23, 1711.
- 170 v—ESTHER READ, b. July 1, 1712; was living in 1740.
- vi—DANIEL READ, b. Sept. 9, 1713; must have died young as the first child of the second wife was named Daniel.

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JOSEPH⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 27, 1683; died at Rehoboth, Dec. 25, 1747; married at Rehoboth, Aug. 30, 1715, LYDIA KENT,* daughter of Joseph² (Joseph¹) and Dorothy (Brown) Kent, born in Swansea, Mass., March 5, 1691; died ————.

In 1704, the year Joseph was twenty-one, he bought 20 acres of land in Wachamoket Neck, of John Smith, for "Eight pounds current New England silver."

April 6, 1709, "Joseph Bozworth of Rehoboth yeoman," bought 4 acres, of James Brown and Capt. John Brown of Swansea (who were probably uncles of his wife, Lydia), at the north end of the above 20 acres. This land had originally been laid out to Nathaniel Peck and Israel Peck, who were

*I believe the Kent Gen. is in error when it says (p. 117) that Dorothy Kent m. James Bosworth. I know of no James Bosworth who could have m. Dorothy Kent; besides this book says she m. (2) Noah Newman, while the Vit. Rec. of Rehoboth—Arnold, says Dorothy *Kent* m. Noah Newman and not Dorothy *Bosworth* as she would have been called were she widow of James. Dorothy was a younger sister of Lydia.

I hope may come to day where I had concern that we
Solomon and Esther Drown his wife have received
of our Brother Joseph Bonwith the sum of seven Pound
current money for New England; Being in full to our
Satisfaction of our Lord of the Estate left us by our
Hon^r Father in Joseph Bonwith last of September
(Deceas'd) And I his Discharge him & his Heirs & Assigns
Forever from us the sd Solomon Drown & Esther Drown
our Heirs & Assigns Forever; Witnes our Hands & seals
(I this twenty day of March for the year of our Lord 1714

Signe of Seal of Deliver

(In Presence of us)

Joseph Cary

Francis Ball

Solomon Drown

Esther Drown

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Joseph's uncles, by marriage to his aunts Deliverance and Bethia.

Joseph⁴ must have acted as administrator on his father's estate, but although Joseph³ died in 1694, the business was still unfinished twenty years later, for there is in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed of Worcester, Mass., a receipt given to Joseph⁴ by his sister and her husband—Solomon and Esther Drown—which reads as follows:

"These may certifie Any whom It doth Concern that wee Solomon Drown & Esther Drown his wife Have Received of our Brother Joseph Bozworth the Sum of seven Pounds Current money of NewEngland; Being in Full to our Sattisfaction of our Part of the Estate Left us By our Honrd. Father Mr Joseph Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased; And This dischargeth him & his heirs & Asigns Forever From us the sd Solomon Drown & Esther Drown our Heirs & Assigns Forever; Witness our hands & seals This twenty third day of March In the yeare of our Lord $\frac{15}{1714}$.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In Presence of us
Josiah Cary
francis ball

Solomon Drowne (seal)

Esther Drowne (seal)

(See illustration.)

Oct. 11, 1715, soon after Joseph's marriage, he and his younger brother Nathaniel, together bought, for 260 pounds, 65 acres of land in Rehoboth, "lying southerly from a place known by the name of Bowens Bridge."* This land was bounded on the west and north with highways. In this deed Joseph is called a "husbandman" and Nathaniel a "housewright." (Taunton Deeds, 10-451)

Feb. 13, 1716, Joseph and wife Lydia, Nathaniel and wife Margaret, mortgaged the above land to "a committee of five Commissioners appointed by the General Court," for 130 pounds. It was to be returned by the payment, in February of each year, of £6..10s. It was all paid by 1731 and mortgage discharged by Joseph, who by that time was the sole owner. Both Lydia and Margaret "made their mark" when signing this mortgage. (Taunton Deeds, 10-549)

NOTE: We see from the fact that Jonathan⁴ Bosworth of the preceeding history was a "schoolmaster," that education in this country was advancing, so that by this time the men could mostly all write their names, but education for women did not come until later.

*See map in Part II.

March 19, 1716, Samuel Mason "of Swanzey", having had an interest in a tract of land estimated to contain three acres, situated in Rehoboth, lying southwest from Bowen's Bridge, which had some years before passed into "the possession of Joseph Bosworth deceased and since his decease in the hands of his son Joseph Bosworth now of said Rehoboth" etc., he executes a deed dated "This Nineteenth Day of March Anno Dommini 1615/16 And in the second year of his Majesties Reign."

In the year 1718, according to the History of Windham Co., Conn., Joseph bought land in the eastern part of the township of Ashford, Conn., but seems never to have gone there to live.

March 31, 1725, Joseph Bosworth and Joseph Allen renew the bounds between their lands in Watchamocket Neck, Allen's land having originally belonged to Capt. Willetts (See history No. 6), and Joseph's was his "home lot" which had probably belonged to his grandfather, Jonathan² Bosworth. At the close of the agreement they state:

"we the sd Joseph Alin & Joseph Bozworth have agreed that the sd Bounds shall be & Remaine Betwen them forever as wittness our hands. Signed "Joseph Bozworth" and "Joseph Alin."

Apr. 13, 1725, Joseph⁴, still acting in the capacity of Administrator on his father's estate, quitclaimed to his brother Nathaniel as follows:

"To all People To whom these Presents shall come Know Ye That I Joseph Bosworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol; the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman for and Consideration of an Agreement made between myself and Nathaniel Bosworth of the same Town and County Housewright, relating to the Estate of our . . . Father Joseph Bosworth late of said Rehoboth Deceased, and for and towards the said Nathaniel Bosworths part of the said Estate have Remised Released and forever quitt claimed . . . unto the said Nathaniel Bosworth . . . all the right . . . in and unto a Tract of Land . . . Scituate at the South end of the Farm whereon I now dewll in the Township of Rehoboth . . . Containing by Estimation Twelve acres" etc. (See illustration.)

April 14, 1725, Nathaniel Bosworth, "Housewright" of Rehoboth deeds to Joseph Bosworth, "yeoman", for 300 pounds, his one half of the 65 acres bought of Stephen Hunt and Damaris Hunt his wife, Oct. 11, 1715; also the 12 acres, of which Joseph had given him a quitclaim deed the day before, Apr. 13, 1725. This deed was witnessed by Israel Peck and Stephen Peck, but was not acknowledged until Feb. 12, 1727.

Apr. 24, 1725, Joseph sold to Joseph Allen, 6¾ acres of land in Rehoboth, for 30 pounds; Nathaniel Peck one of the witnesses. The land was bounded

To all People, To whom these Presents shall come Know ye, That I Joseph Bosworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England give and constitute of an agreement and constitution, my self and Nathanael Bosworth of the same Town County of Bristol, relating to the State of our said Father Joseph Bosworth late of said Rehoboth. Deceased, and for and towards the said Nathanael Bosworths part of the said State, have devised devised and for ever quit claimed and by these Presents for my self my heirs Executors and Administrators do fully freely and legally entirely release and for ever quit claim unto the said Nathanael Bosworth and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all the right Title Interest Property claim Estate Inright and Demand which I have or my heirs Executors and Administrators have or ought to have in and unto a Tract of Land being lying and situate at the South end of the Town whereon I now dwell in the Township of Rehoboth above mentioned containing by Estimation Twelve Acres bounded easterly by Ebenezer Pecks Land, Easterly by a high way, northerly by my own Land and Westerly by a high way. We have & to hold the said Tract of Land together with all privileges Appurtenances Profits and Commodities to the same belonging or in any manner of way appertaining, to him the said Nathanael Bosworth his heirs and assigns forever, so that I the said Joseph Bosworth Nor my heirs nor any person or persons for me or them, or in my or their names or in the name right or freed of any of them shall or will by any way or means hereafter have claim challenge or Demand any Estate right Title or interest of in or to the premises or any part or parcel thereof; But from all and every action right Estate Title Interest or Demand of in or to the Premises or any part or parcel thereof I my self my heirs Executors and Administrators and every of them shall be utterly excluded and barred for ever by virtue of these Presents. And further I the said Joseph Bosworth my heirs Executors and Administrators, the said Tract of Land together with the Privileges & Appurtenances thereof, to the said Nathanael Bosworth his heirs and assigns to his and their own proper use and uses in manner and form as above mentioned, against my self my heirs Executors and Administrators and against any person or persons claiming by from or under me or them shall and will for ever hereafter Warrent and Defend. In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Bosworth have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Thirteenth Day of April in the Eleventh year of his Majesties Reign Annoq^m Domini 1723^o

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In the Presence of us

Israel Peck

Stephen Peck

Joseph Bosworth

DEED GIVEN BY JOSEPH BOSWORTH (No. 84) TO HIS BROTHER, NATHANIEL (No. 87)

ONE OF THE WITNESSES TO THIS DEED, ISRAEL PECK, WAS JOSEPH'S UNCLE, THE HUSBAND OF HIS FATHER'S SISTER, BETHIA (NO. 12).

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on the north, partly by land of Joel Chaffee, and on the same date Joseph sold to Joel Chaffee, who was of Barrington, 13 acres of land in Rehoboth for 109 pounds. John Hunt and Noah Newman were witnesses; Lydia again "made her mark." (Taunton Deeds, 9-474)

On July 3, 1726, Joseph and wife Lydia united with the Newman Congregational church of Rehoboth.

On the "Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth" (Bk. 3, p. 76) is a record of 1½ acres of land belonging to Joseph and Nathaniel Bosworth "Lyeing in ye ox pasture so caled adjoining to Lieut Sam^l Bullocks Land. It also adjoined land of Capt. Joseph Wheaton. This was recorded Jan. 3, 1735/6.

In the year 1738, Joseph Bosworth was a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts.

Feb. 26, 1738/9, Joseph Bosworth and Daniel Smith, both of Rehoboth "yeomen", and Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, "Blockmaker", gave bonds of 500 pounds, for Joseph Bosworth as guardian for "Lidiah Bosworth a minor above the age of 14 years Daughter of Noah Butterworth late of Rehoboth."

NOTE: Lydia Bosworth Butterworth was the daughter of Joseph's sister Judith, who had married Noah Butterworth, and both had died shortly before this time. Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol was a grandson of Nathaniel² Bosworth. (The case of a person having three names was somewhat rare in those days.)

The death of Ensign Joseph Bosworth, as he was called at that time, occurred at Rehoboth, Dec. 25, 1747, and Lydia was left a widow. The month before, on Nov. 4, 1747, Joseph, "son of Ensign Joseph Bosworth" had died, leaving a young wife and two children, and a third was born Dec. 10th, after the death of the father. On Jan. 6, 1747/8, the young wife also died, leaving Lydia to care, not only for her own three unmarried daughters, but for three small grandsons, the youngest only a babe.

On Jan. 5, 1747, Lydia Bosworth, widow of Joseph, asked the Court that she be appointed Administrator on her husband's estate. On Mar. 17, 1747 she asked for administration on the estate of her son Joseph. Both petitions were granted. The inventory on the father's estate is given below. The inventory on the estate of Joseph, "son of Ensign Joseph

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Bozworth Late of Rehoboth," was taken "Aprill ye 16th 1748", whole amount in "Old Tennor" £869..02.. 0.

The Inventory of The Estate of Ensign Joseph Bosworth Taken by us the
Subscribers January ye 26th 1747-8

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis To his wearing Apparrell at	44	05	00
Item To arms & Amunition at	31	15	00
Item To a Kain & Raizor & Specticles at	02	15	00
Item To 2 Chests at	02	00	00
Item To Books 5£..2s...0d. money old Tenor at	16	02	00
Item To one Bead & furniture and beadstead at	55	00	00
Item To Sheets & other Lining at	24	15	00
Item To one bead & bedstead at	35	00	00
Item To one Chest with one Drawer at	06	00	00
Item To one Chest & Box at	02	00	00
Item To Wheels & Cards at	03	10	00
Item To Six Black Chairs at	03	00	00
Item To fier Shovel & Tongues at	01	10	00
Item To one Looking Glass at	00	10	00
Item To 2 Brass Kettles & Brass Ladle &, Scimer at	17	00	00
Item To one Iron pot & old Iron Kettles at	01	10	00
Item To puter at	15	00	00
Item To Knives & forks at	01	00	00
Item To wooden ware in the house at	05	00	00
Item To meal Trough Churn & Tubs at	04	11	00
Item To one bead and Bedstead for the Negro at	03	00	00
Item To Loombs Slays & harness & Quill wheel at	06	00	00
Item To Leather at	06	00	00
Item To old Iron & flaxseed at	03	10	00
Item To Indian Corn 25 bushels at	18	05	00
Item To meat Pork & beef & Tallow at	49	00	00
Item To Syder & 3 Barrells at	07	00	00
Item To a Cask of hogs fatt at	02	15	00
Item To hand Irons & Cheesspress 2 Tramel & Box Irons at	07	00	00
Item To Tongues and fier shovel & Steel trap at	03	00	00
Item To Coopers ads hamer & pinchers 2 algers & Rasp at	02	00	00
Item To Beetle Rings phroe & 2 wedges at	01	00	00
Item To hand saw Drawing Knife & Stiliards at	01	10	00
Item To a Spitt & Iron Ladel & 3 old axes at	02	05	00
Item To Cart and wheels & 1 yoak at	40	00	00
Item To oyster Rakes with 3 heads Belonging to them	01	00	00
Item To a Color & 2 pair of haims & horse Chains at	02	00	00
Item To 2 plougs & a Great harrow at	05	05	00
Item To one Cow hide Sled & wheel Barro	05	00	00
Item To 2 Oxen 3 cows 3 heffers & one Calfe a year old at	212	00	00
Item To one mare Sadle & Bridle at	50	00	00
Item to one Negro man Servant at	200	00	00

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Item To 2 Swine at	12..00..00
Item To 7 bushels of Rye at	07..00..00
Item To 16 bushels & halfe of oats at	08..05..00
Item To 6 bushels & halfe of Barley at	04..17..06
Item To 25 pound of flax at	04..07..06
Item To all The hay both Salt & mixt & English hay at	13..15..06
Item To ye Ceader Swamp at	50..00..00
Item To Thirty pound of Refined Iron at	04..10..00
Item To Tobacco 146 pounds at	19..02..06
Item To housen and barn at	550..00..00
Item To the Land 123 acres at	2460..00..00

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Samuel Mason	
Nathaniel Peck	

April 4, 1749, Lydia Bosworth, Ezekiel Read and Nathaniel Peck, gave bonds for £300 for Lydia as guardian of Dorothy Bosworth, a minor above fourteen years of age. At the same time and for the same amount the same parties gave bonds for Lydia as guardian to Mary Bosworth a minor above fourteen, both daughters of Joseph Bosworth late of Rehoboth, deceased. At this time Dorothy was past twenty and Mary in her seventeenth year so they were able to choose their own guardians, and chose their mother.

NOTE: It is an interesting experience to have the privilege of examining these old papers. "Dorothy Bosworths prayer for Guardian" as it is inscribed, is a little folded paper, yellow with age, less than an inch and a half in width and about four inches in length. To this "prayer" Dorothy signed her name, showing that education was beginning to reach the women. Mary, however, "made her mark."

April 3, 1750, Lydia Bosworth gave bonds with Samuel Mason and Ezekiel Read for 500 pounds for Lydia as guardian to Joseph, a minor under fourteen, son of Joseph Bosworth "late of Rehoboth deceased." At the same time and for equal amounts, the same persons gave bonds for Lydia as guardian for her other two grandsons Samuel and Lewis.

It may be seen from this inventory of Joseph's estate that slaves were held in New England at this time, and as the negro slaves took their master's name, there were negroes named Bosworth, and if one chances upon colored people

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bearing this name, one may be almost sure that this is the way it came about.

The property of Joseph⁴ Bosworth was divided as follows: One-third to the widow, Lydia; the balance divided into eight equal portions;

To the heirs of the son Joseph, a double portion;

To Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Allen, daughter of Joseph, one part;

To Esther, wife of Timothy Ide, Jr., daughter of Joseph, one part;

To Judith, wife of Charles Gladding, daughter of Joseph, one part;

To Lydia, daughter of Joseph, one part;

To Dorothy, daughter of Joseph, one part;

To Mary, daughter of Joseph, one part.

CHILDREN

of Joseph and Lydia (Kent) Bosworth

born in Rehoboth, Mass.

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| 171 | i—LYDIA ⁵ , b. Oct. 29, 1716; d. previous to 1725. |
| 172+ | i—ELIZABETH ⁵ , b. Jan. 22, 1717-18; d. previous to Dec. 1775; m. Ebenezer Allen, int. pub. Jan. 11, 1745-6. |
| 173+ | iii—ESTHER ⁵ , b. Jan. 22, 1719*; d. after June 11, 1763 when she is named in her husband's will; m. Nov. 17, 1743, at Rehoboth, Timothy Ide, Jr. |
| 174+ | iv—JOSEPH ⁵ , b. Dec. 8, 1721; d. Nov. 4, 1747; m. Dec. 10, 1743, Ann Low. |
| 175+ | v—JUDITH ⁵ , b. Jan. 9, 1723-V; d. ———; m. (1), Feb. 2, 1744, Charles Gladding, m. (2) John Wilson Low. |
| 176+ | vi—LYDIA ⁵ , b. Dec. 18, 1725; d. btw. Oct. 1757 and Sept. 1762; m. April 21, 1751, John Wilson Low, his 1st wife. (See above) |
| 177+ | vii—DOROTHY ⁵ †, bapt. Dec. 26, 1728; d. Sept. 14, 1812; m. Jan. 5, 1749, Thomas Carpenter. |
| 178+ | viii—MARY ⁵ , b. Oct. 9, 1732; d. ———; m. John Walker, int. pub. Oct. 19, 1751. |
| 179 | ix—JABEZ ⁵ , b. Feb. 8, 1734-5; prob. d.y. |

* This should probably be double-dated, 1719-20.

† This is a case of a child whose birth is not mentioned on the town records, although there is abundant proof that she existed. This example leads us to suppose there were in the case of other families, unrecorded children. Dorothy was born between April 4, 1728 and Dec. 26, 1728, for on April 4, 1749 she was not 21, and she was baptized on the second date.

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ESTHER⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Joseph³, (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Aug. 18, 1687; died at Bristol, R. I., July 26, 1744; married at Bristol, Nov. 8, 1705, SOLOMON² DROWNE, son of Leonard¹ and Elizabeth (Abbott), born at Sturgeon Creek, N. H. (near Dover), Jan. 23, 1682; died at Bristol, R. I., Oct. 9, 1730.

NOTE: The following was written by Thomas Drowne of Epping, N. H., Nov. 2, 1776. "Leonard Drowne, (the emigrant), a Shipwright, came from the West of England and m. at, or near, Portsmouth, N. H., Elizabeth Abbott. He d. in Boston, Oct. 31, 1729, at the age of 83. His wife died 1704. He lived at Sturgeon Creek near Dover and there all his children were born. He carried on shipbuilding there until about the year 1692. He was then obliged on account of the Indian wars to move off and left his inheritance. He went to Boston with his family and followed the same employment while able. All of Leonard's sons—Solomon, Samuel and Simeon—were shipwrights except Shem who was the father of Thomas the writer. Shem died at Boston, Jan. 13, 1774 in the 91st year of his age. Solomon lived and died in Bristol, and there built vessels."

Solomon² Drowne was one of those to whom genealogists owe a debt of gratitude, because he was willing to take the trouble, at a time when all materials were scarce, to write out and leave for posterity, a record of his family relations. The little book in which he wrote was preserved and came to light a number of years ago*. A copy of this record was furnished the compiler by Mr. Henry Russell Drowne, of New York City, (as well as the matter in the above note), of which extracts are given below, interspersed with notes by Mr. Drowne. It will be seen that only the first name of his wife is mentioned, so for a long time the descendants were in doubt as to her family name, but fortunately when the bundle of old papers were discovered in the attic of the Bosworth home in Barrington, R. I. (told of on p. 73, Part I), there was found among them, a receipt given by Solomon and Esther Drowne, to her brother Joseph Bosworth, who was administrator of her father's estate, which settled the matter absolutely.

* See N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Record, Vol. 48, pps. 390, 391.

An illustration of this receipt accompanies this sketch.

Extracts from HISTORY WRITTEN BY SOLOMON² DROWN and added to by Solomon³ Drowne:

“an acompt of the Age & Maridge of Solomon & Esther Drowne. I was Born on the 23rd of Jany in the year 1681* on the Second Day of the Week My wife was Born on the 18th of August 1687.

We were Married on the 8th of November In the Year 1705 by Mr John Sparrow† in New Bristol in the house of mr Benjamin Jones esq.‡
the Childrens Ages. (180)

The first Born Solomon was Born the fourth Day of October 1706 att Bristol . . in the house of mr Samuel Little” This is the ancestor of Henry Russell Drowne, who writes that the grave of Solomon³ Drowne is at Bristol. This son also added to his father’s records that of his own in which he says:

“about 1708 I went to Boston to Live and about the year 1715 I came to Bristol again Where in the year 1719 . . I was bound out as an apprentice and in the year 1727 was free . . Which is seven years & seven months and May the 5th 1730 I came to Providence and set up my Trade and in December the 23 1731 I married with the Dafter of Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast” (Her name was Sarah.) “June the 16th 1732 being friday we went to housekeeping in the house of Col. Abbots. March the 26th we moved from thence 1735 to Capt. John Powers house. December the 25th 1736 we moved into our own Shop July the 2nd 1749 I married my Second Wife . . “A note added later says: “My Dearly Beloved Wife departed this Life Decm. 29th 1748 . . . She was born May 20 1702.” His second wife was Marcy Arnold, a sister of Sarah. Marcy was the mother of his children; they were:

1—Sarah, b. Aug. 22, 1750. Died unmarried.

2—Solomon, b. March 11, 1753. This was Dr. Solomon Drowne, a soldier of the Revolution, and Professor of Botany and Medicine at Brown University. He was the ancestor of Henry Russell Drowne.

3—William, b. April 17, 1755. He was a soldier of the Revolution and was a prisoner on the Old Jersey, New York, 1780. Died unmarried 1786.

Resuming the records of Solomon² Drowne:

“Esther the Second was born on the 26th of October 1708 in new Bristol . . in the home of ms Sarah Little”. (181)

Esther Drowne married William Gladding, in Bristol.

“My daughter Esther was Married on the 24th of October in the Year 1726 being Monday In the hous of mr Edward Boswóρθ She Removed

* This date is probably O. S., and should be double-dated 1681–2.

† Note by H. R. Drowne: “Rev. John Sparhawk, second pastor of Bristol Church—installed 1695, died 1715.”

‡ See history of Bathsheba Bosworth Jones, No. 16, who was Esther’s aunt, p. 174

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from us with her husband to his hom December the 8th 1726 My Grand Daughter Esther Gladyn (Gladding) was Born on the 30th of July 1727 being the Sabath Day about 7 oclock in the morning”

“Elizabeth the 3rd Child was Born on the 8th of September 1710 . . In Boston in the hous of mr Edward Bud who dyed within half an hour after the child was Born” (182)

Elizabeth Drowne married Samual Smith Jr. of Bristol, int. pub. May 10, 1731.

“Joseph the fourth child was Born on the 8th Day of February being the Sabath Day 1712-13 in Boston in the Lame house” (183)

Joseph Drowne died Aug. 18, 1769.

“Bathsheba the fifth Child was Born on the tenth Day of June about nine of the clock in the Morning being friday 1715 in new Bristol in Capt. Davies Gerett (Great) House.” (184)

Bathsheba Drowne m. in Bristol, Nov. 10, 1736, Nathan Jones, who was probably the grandson of Benjamin Jones.

The birth of three children of Nathan and Bathsheba Jones are recorded at Bristol;

1—Nathan Jones, b. July 6, 1738

2—Benjamin Jones, b. Feb. 15, 1739-40

3—Solomon Jones, b. Mar. 22, 1740-1

“Benjamin Drowne the Sixth child was Born June the 9th being the Sabath Day in the year 1717 in the house of Capt. Davies (185)

“Mary the 7th Child was born on the 7th Day of June in the year 1719 being the Sabath Day about fore of the clock in the afternoon at Bristol in the hous of ms Bashim Jones” (186)

(This was no doubt the house of Mrs. Bathsheba Jones; Benjamin Jones had died Jan. 12, 1717-18.) “Benjamin Drowne m. Hannah Kent, July 24, 1738.”

“Mary the seventh child m. John Gladwin (1717-1759) Sept. 25, 1738. She died 1759.”

“Samuel Drowne the Eighth Child was Born on the 31st Day of July in the year 1721 at three of the Clock the morning . . ” (187)

“The eighth child, Rev. Samuel Drowne, m. Sarah Reed, of Rehoboth, Oct. 27, 1743; settled in Coventry, preached & removed to Portsmouth, N. H., 1761; d. Jan. 17, 1770; had ten children; was a preacher of the Independent Congregational Church.”

“Sarah the ninth was Born on the 23rd of July 1723 . . . (188)

Both these in the house of ms Bashim Jones in Bristol”

“Sarah died Sept. 17, 1775; m. at Bristol, Jan 18, 1739-40, John Pratt.”

“Jonathan the tenth Child was Born on the 29th of July in the year 1725 being the 5th Day of ye week in the hous of ms Jones the same Evening the Chimney Blazd ten foot high or more he was Born just at the Seting of the Son.” (189)

"Bristol Register says a Jonathan Drowne m. Mrs. Anne Durfee, June 9, 1748, and later Sarah Kent 176-"

"Shem my Eleventh Child was born the 13 Day of June being the 5th Day of the Week at Eleven of the Clock at Night in the Year 1728 In the house of ms Bashim Jones" (190)

"A Copey Taking from fathers account of our Births &c December the 28th 1738 pr SOLOMON DROWNE."

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JUDITH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Feb. 12, 1689-90; died in Rehoboth, May 6, 1773; married at Rehoboth, June 10, 1712, Lieut. NOAH BUTTERWORTH, son of Capt. John and Hannah (Wheaton), born in Rehoboth, Dec. 31, 1689; died in Rehoboth, April 27, 1736.

On Feb. 23, 1710-11, Judith was a witness with Daniel Smith, who was probably her uncle, her mother's brother, to an exchange of land between John Ormsby of Rehoboth, and his son-in-law, John Lane of Taunton.

CHILDREN

of Noah and Judith (Bosworth) Butterworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 191 i—NATHANIEL BUTTERWORTH, b. March 27, 1712-3; d. April 11, 1713.
- 192 ii—ESTHER BUTTERWORTH, b. April 17, 1714; d. May 11, 1733.
- 193 iii—HANNAH BUTTERWORTH, b. May 27, 1716; d. in Woodbury, Conn., Sept. 20, 1749; m. Nov. 28, 1734, Jonah Titus, son of John and Mercy (Fisher), b. in Rehoboth, July 10 1710, d. May 24, 1783; their children b. in Rehoboth, were
 - 1—Judith Titus, b. Nov. 5, 1735
 - 2—Onesimus Titus, b. Apr. 19, 1738
 - 3—Joel Titus, b. 1740, and perhaps others. The son Joel m. Mary Treat; their dau. Sarah Titus m. Wm. Lyon; their son Daniel Lyon m. (1) Polly Strickland; their son Newton Thomas Lyon m. Caroline Smith; their son Frank Almon Lyon, m. Emma Fink; their dau. Vivian Elsie Lyon, m. Donald K. Moore. Mrs. Moore is a member of

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the Bosworth Association of America and furnishes this line; she was born in Quincy, Mich., Nov. 23, 1887, is a teacher, musician, genealogist. She was m. May 9, 1916, and has a daughter Patricia Lyon Moore, b. in Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 7, 1917.

- 194 iv—SARAH BUTTERWORTH, b. April 30, 1718; d. (Not known.)
- 195 v—ELIZABETH BUTTERWORTH, b. Feb. 24, 1718-9; prob. m. at Rehoboth, Apr. 22, 1742, John Smith; had four children; d. Feb. 23, 1755, and her husband married again. Children, b. in Rehoboth:
 - 1—John Smith, b. May 30, 1743; d. before 1756.
 - 2—Nicholas Smith, b. Apr. 5, 1746; d. before 1760.
 - 3—Nathaniel Smith, b. Apr. 6, 1748.
 - 4—Elizabeth Smith, b. June 2, 1750
- 196 vi—NOAH BUTTERWORTH, b. Nov. 21, 1721; prob. d.y.
- 197 vii—LYDIA BOSWORTH BUTTERWORTH, b. July 29, 1723; (date of death not known); prob. m. at Rehoboth, May 18, 1742, John Smith, Jr. and had eight children b. at Rehoboth.
 - 1—John Smith, b. Dec. 29, 1742.
 - 2—Noah Smith, b. July 17, 1747.
 - 3—Simeon Smith, b. June 23, 1749.
 - 4—Oliver Smith, twin to Simeon, b. June 23, 1749.
 - 5—Lydia Smith, b. Apr. 2, 1751.
 - 6—Nathaniel Smith, b. Mar. 23, 1753.
 - 7—Huldah Smith, b. Jan. 21, 1755.
 - 8—Cyrell Smith, b. Jan. 25, 1757.
- 198 viii—JOHN BUTTERWORTH, b. Aug. 17, 1725; no further records at Rehoboth.
- 199 ix—NOAH BUTTERWORTH, b. Mar. 3, 1728; nothing further at Rehoboth.
- 200 x—SIBBLE (also Sybell) BUTTERWORTH, b. Jan. 18, 1729-30; d. (no date given at Rehoboth); m. at Rehoboth, July 9, 1747, Jathniall Peck, and had nine children:
 - 1—Jathanial Peck, b. Feb. 24, 1747-8.
 - 2—Otis Peck, b. Apr. 10, 1750.
 - 3—Esther Peck, b. Apr. 21, 1752.
 - 4—James Peck, b. Aug. 10, 1754.
 - 5—Olive Peck, b. Nov. 20, 1756.
 - 6—Sylvester Peck, b. July 9, 1759.
 - 7—Sibell Peck, b. Sept. 24, 1761.
 - 8—Shubael Peck, b. July 1764.
 - 9—Benoni Peck, b. Feb. 8, 1769.
- 201 xi—HULDAH BUTTERWORTH, b. Mar. 2, 1731; (no date of death given at Rehoboth); m. Mar. 21, 1750-51, Aaron Cole and had ten children, b. at Rehoboth:
 - 1—Mary Cole, b. Jan. 24, 1752.

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- 2—James Cole, b. Nov. 21, 1755.
- 3—Aaron Cole, b. Jan. 8, 1759.
- 4—Huldah Cole, b. July 6, 1760.
- 5—Molly Cole, b. Mar. 19, 1763.
- 6—Noah Cole, b. Sept. 23, 1765.
- 7—Sibell Cole, b. July 18, 1767.
- 8—Elizabeth Cole, b. Dec. 2, 1769.
- 9—Otis Cole, b. Aug. 3, 1772.
- 10—Remember Cole, b. Feb. 22, 1775.

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NATHANIEL⁴ BOSWORTH. youngest son of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born at Rehoboth, Mass., about 1694; died at Rehoboth, May 29, 1772*; married MARGARET⁴ WILLIAMS, intention published at Rehoboth, Nov. 7, 1713. Nathaniel was a "housewright".

NOTE: Although much time and effort have been put forth to find the parentage of Margaret Williams, in which search the compiler has been assisted by some of her descendants, our search has been without satisfactory results. It certainly seems as if she must have been the daughter of Capt. Isaac Williams and his second wife, Judith, widow of Nathaniel Cooper and daughter of Lieut. Peter and Elizabeth (Smith) Hunt, whom he married in Rehoboth, Nov. 13, 1677. However if the Williams Genealogy, by Alexander H. Wright (pub. in 1887), is correct, Capt. Isaac, who came to Rehoboth from "Cambridge village" (now Newton), before his marriage to Judith, afterwards returned and the birth of four children of Isaac and Judith Williams are recorded there. The youngest of these recorded children was born Oct. 21, 1691, and as Margaret Williams must have been born about 1694, and as the record of her intention to marry Nathaniel Bosworth, shows that she was living in some other place than Rehoboth, the compiler believes that she must be an unrecorded daughter of Isaac and second wife, Judith (Hunt) (Cooper) Williams. Another thing that favors this belief is the fact of the relationship between the families of Smith, Hunt, Cooper, Peck and Bosworth, who intermarried a number of times. Benjamin Hunt, a brother of Judith wife of Isaac Williams, married Mary Peck and had a daughter Sibel Hunt who married Timothy Mason. She died a widow leaving a will to which Nathaniel Bosworth was a witness. If Margaret was a daughter of Isaac and Judith (Hunt) Williams, Sibel Mason was her first cousin, and as Judith Hunt was a cousin of Esther

*His gravestone at Rumford says May 30, but Rehoboth records and the notice in the Providence Gazette at the time of his death say May 29.

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(Smith) the mother of Nathaniel Bosworth, he was a second cousin of Sibel (Hunt) Mason, also *a second cousin of Margaret Williams* whom he married. Elizabeth (Smith), the mother of Judith Hunt, was eldest daughter of Henry¹ Smith; her eldest brother Ensign Henry² Smith married Elizabeth Cooper and among their children were two sons; Ensign Joshua Smith who married Mary Peck, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca (Bosworth) Peck (see No. 11), and John Smith who married Bathsheba Peck, daughter of Nathaniel and Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck (see No. 14). Esther Smith who married Joseph³ Bosworth, father of Nathaniel⁴, was a sister of Mary Smith who married Bellamy Bosworth (see No. 24), and they were first cousins of the above Joshua and John Smith.

The compiler believes that Margaret Williams was a daughter and youngest child of Isaac and second wife Judith (Hunt) (Cooper) Williams, but as no proof can be found, only indications, the question will have to be left for future developments.

On Oct. 11, 1715, Nathaniel⁴ with his brother Joseph⁴ bought 65 acres of land in Rehoboth for £260, of Stephen Hunt; deed signed by Stephen and Damaris his wife.

Feb. 13, 1716, Joseph Bosworth, yeoman, and Nathaniel Bosworth, "House Carpenter", mortgaged this land to the "Committee of five Commissioners appointed by the Great and General Court" for "emitting the sum of One Hundred Thousand pounds", for £130. This was to be paid in annual installments of £6. .10s. Before the payments were finished Nathaniel on Apr. 14, 1725, sold his share to Joseph, so the latter completed the payments and received the discharged mortgage in 1731. (Taunton Deeds, 10-549)

Apr. 13, 1725, Nathaniel's brother Joseph, in consideration of an agreement made between them relating to the estate of "our Father Joseph Bosworth late of said Rehoboth Deceased", deeded twelve acres of land "scituate at the south end of the farm whereon I now dwell in the Township of Rehoboth . . . bounded southerly by Ebenezer Peck's land, Easterly by a highway, northerly by my own Land and westerly by a highway." On Apr. 14, 1725, the same day that Nathaniel sold his brother his half of the 65 acres, he also sold him the above mentioned twelve acres. This deed, which was witnessed by Israel and Stephen Peck, is in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed.

Feb. 12, 1727/8 Nathaniel sold five acres of swamp land to John Hill of Rehoboth. (Taunton Deeds, Bk. 18, p. 67). On

the Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth (Bk. 3, p. 62 [76]) is given "The Records of the lands of Joseph and Nathaniel Bozworth, dated, Apr. 3, 1735.

On *Nov. 7, 1743*, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass." bought 90 acres of land in the "New Milford North Purchase" in New Milford, (then in New Haven Co., now in Litchfield Co.), Conn. of Jonathan Noble of New Milford. (New Milford Deeds 6-436). In Book 5, page 429 of New Milford records is found the following:

"Know all men by these presents that I Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in New England Housewright Do hereby constitute and appoint Nathaniel Bozworth Blacksmith and William Bozworth Clothworker Both of New Milford in the County of New Haven and Colony of Connecticut to be my true and sufficient and Lawful attorneys and in my name and in my stead in all causes Rate personal or mixt moued or to be moued for me or against me, to appear plead and pursue to finial judgment & execution and in an especial manner to take care of my Right of Land Lying in New Milford North Purchase to see that there be no trespass committed thereon and if there hath any person or persons that Here-tofore hath committed or shall hereafter commit any trespass thereon the same person or persons to persue and proceed against according to law" etc. "In witness whereof I have Hereunto set my hand and seal the ninth day of June In the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and forty six and in ye nineteenth year of his majusties Reign"

(Signed)

Nath^l Bozworth

Signed sealed and Delivered

In presence of us

William Cole

Thomas Willmarth

Bristol, Ss: Rehoboth June 19:1746 Mr. Nathaniel Bozworth the above subscriber personally appeared and acknowledged the above written Instrument to be his own free act and Deed before me
Coram Thomas Bowen Justice of Peace."

Mar. 14, 1749 before a "Freeholders Court" at New Milford, Mr. Edward Cogswell of New Milford complained that the bounds between his land and the land of Nathaniel Bosworth of Rehoboth, Mass. was "Lost & unknown said Land lying in New Milford North Purchase sd. Land being y^e 33d and 34th Lots In number and Requiring the Benefits of the Law In that Case." Whereupon a committee of three freeholders was appointed to decide upon the bounds and reported that "a heap of stones Lying the East side of Aspotuck River a few rods Eastward from sd. River . . . northwestward

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from the afores^d Cogswells house . . . made for the Dividing bounds." On *Sept. 5, 1751*, in order to settle the above mentioned bounds, Edward Cogswell gives Quit claim deed to "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass., to a "Triangular piece of Land in the South Teer of Lotts in New Milford North Purchase 1st Division", etc.

Sept. 6, 1751 Edward Cogswell "in consideration of one Certain Warrantee Deed to me well Executed Dated Even herewith by Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth . . . of y^e North part of y^e 34th Lott of Land in the South Teer in y^e first Division in New Milford North Purchase . . . Do for myself . . . Confirm unto y^e s^d Nathaniel Bozworth . . . all that part of the 33^d Lott of Land in y^e South Teer in y^e first Division in s^d New Milford North Purchase afore s^d that Lyes *South* of y^e following Lines" etc. On the same date Nathaniel deeded to Edward Cogswell all the land lying "*North*" of the above line, thus settling the boundaries of their lands. Also on the same date "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass. and Nathaniel Bozworth Jun^r. of New Milford" for £320, "old Tenor" deeds to Edw. Cogswell of Preston, New London County, Conn. land in the New Milford North Purchase. (New Milford Deeds, Bk. 6, pps. 529, 605, 618)

Sept. 20, 1751, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth for the Love, Goodwill and affection which I have and bare to my well beloved son Nathaniel Bozworth of New Milford", deeds land in New Milford North Purchase, a part of Lot 34, 1st Division, containing 50 acres; bounds given in which the land of Paul Welch Jun. is mentioned; "And I also Give and Confirm unto him . . . one full Quarter part of the privilege of a Certain place in the afores^d River [East Aspetuck] for Erecting a Saw Mill where the first small Brook Empties into said River North of the above said Granted Land with Sufficient Land & other Conveniences of Daming or turning the Water for the use of said Mill with a Convenient way to pass & repass from the Highway thereunto." (New Milford Deeds 11-682)

On the same date "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth" deeds to son William of New Milford for "y^e Love good will & affection which I have and do bear to my well beloved son William Bozworth of New Milford" land in New Milford, a part of the 33rd and 34th lots in the North Purchase in the 1st Division, 50 acres. The bounds given "Beginning at a stake and a heap of stones by y^e East side of y^e Highway a Little Northward from Stephen Bozworths Dwelling House" etc. one of the bounds being East Aspetuck river, "there will be contained in y^e whole 50 acres Exclusive of the Highway that Runs through y^e same always Reserving to myself During my Natural Life one half of y^e privilege in s^d stream for building a Mill with Convenient ways to pass to s^d Mill & my other Land." (New Milford Deeds, 6-627)

Sept. 24, 1751 "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth for the Love & Goodwill which I have to my son Stephen Bozworth of New Milford" deeds certain parcels of land in the New Milford North Purchase in the 33rd and 34th lots; in all 20 acres, bounds given; "Excepting and reserving one half

privilege of the streams and land sufficient for a saw Mill and Dams if need be with a good cartway to and from said places and my other Lands to the Highway and for digging watercourses and carting gravel and timber to and from said places as aforesaid which it shall be thought most convenient for said Mill or Dams the aforesaid Stephen Bosworth and his heirs to have one fourth part thereof as afores^d.” (New Milford Deeds, 8-106)*

Nothing further is found of Nathaniel⁴ on the Rehoboth records except his death, and although the record is at Rehoboth he is buried across the state line in Rumford, R. I.

As we have seen he gave to his three sons his land in Connecticut and when they went there to settle, it appears that a sister went with them named Deborah and at New Milford married a man named William Buck, for their children later called William Bosworth their *uncle*. This is another case of an unrecorded child, but as Nathaniel gave away his property in his life time and seems to have left no will, we get no help from that source. However the compiler thinks the evidence that there was such a daughter, strong enough to warrant including her among the children.

NOTE: William Bosworth and two sons, also William Buck and family, removed in later years from Connecticut to Chemung, N. Y., where William Bosworth soon died. The History of Chemung County, N. Y., notes the fact that he was the first white man to die in the town, and adds that “*he was an uncle of Elijah Buck.*” Elijah was a son of William Buck.

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of Nathaniel⁴ and Margaret (William) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 202 + i—BATHSHEBA⁵, b. Apr. 3, 1714; m. Thomas Reade.
- 203 + ii—NATHANIEL⁵, b. Apr. 29, 1716; m. (1) Jane Brown, (2) Rebecca Barnum.
- 204 + iii—WILLIAM⁵, b. Aug. 31, 1718; m. Sarah Farrand.
- 205 + iv—SARAH⁵, b. Aug. 16, 1720; m. Joseph Allen, Jr.
- 206 + v—STEPHEN⁵, b. Sept. 27, 1722; m. Abigail Wood.
- 207 + vi—HULDAH⁵, b. Jan. 23, 1725; m. Benjamin Jacobs.
- 208 + vii—DEBORAH⁵, b. about 1726; m. William Buck.

*It appears that the son Nathaniel's land was an irregular piece containing 50 acres, with the East Aspetuck river on the west and a highway on the east and south. Stephen's land was in two pieces, 18 acres lying north of Nathaniel's, bounded with the river on the west and the highway on the east; also across the highway to the east were two acres on which his dwelling house stood. William's land was also in two pieces on each side the highway, north of Stephen's land, the two pieces containing 50 acres, bounded on the west by the river. So it seems that Nathaniel and William each had 50 acres while Stephen the youngest had only 20. However in addition to the land there were mill sites and water rights, and of these the father reserved one-half and gave Nathaniel Jr. one-quarter and Stephen one-quarter.

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BENJAMIN⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Morton), born, probably in Hull, Mass., about 1674. (Place or date of birth or death, not found.) His wife's given name was JOANNA, but her family name, also the place and date of their marriage, is unknown, as well as the date of her death.

NOTE: On page 13 of Part I, the compiler mentions the trouble that was found in trying to carry out the Benjamin line, and here is where it begins. It will be observed how scanty are the vital records concerning this Benjamin and his wife, and there is even less about some of their children, in spite of the fact that very earnest efforts have been put forth to find more. All we can do is to put on record the information we have, and the conclusions that circumstances seem to indicate.

Benjamin's father, Benjamin³ Bosworth, Jr., died in Hull, Nov. 5, 1682, leaving his wife Hannah and four children, Benjamin⁴, being the eldest. By reference to the history of his father (No. 17), it will be seen that Hannah was made administrator of her husband's estate, in May 1683, and that thirteen years later, on Nov. 24, 1696, when Benjamin⁴ had passed the age of 21, by order of the Court, the property "(saving only unto Hannah Relict Widow of the said decd^d her Dower or Thirds . . .)" was settled on Benjamin, the eldest son, he to retain two-fifth, a share double that of his brother and sisters; they were each to receive one-fifth, which shares were to be paid by Benjamin. On the following day, Nov. 25, 1696, he sold to John Loring and his brother Benjamin Loring, two of the appraisers, a large part of the inheritance (see abstract of deed given below), and the next day, Nov. 26th, he sold the balance to Robert Goold, the other appraiser, who was probably his uncle, by marriage to his aunt Mehitable Bosworth, his father's sister.

NOTE: The entire amount of the inventory was £111. Taking out Hannah's "Dower or Thirds," which was £37, would leave £74. Benjamin sold the larger part to John and Benjamin Loring for £43, and a smaller amount to Robert Goold for £28, which lacks *three pounds* of making up the whole.

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By comparison it will be seen that during the thirteen years the property had been in Hannah's hands, the home had decreased in value from £60 to £40, but the balance had some of it increased, and the latter is what the son sold. The home seems to have been retained by the mother, and as that had been prized at £40, while her share was but £37, we see that the *three pounds* balance was a gift to his mother. So, from the long ago a generous deed shines out.

ABSTRACT of DEED given by Benjamin⁴ Bosworth to John and Benjamin Loring.

“TO ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE unto whom this present Deed of Sale shall come Benjamin Bosworth of Hull within the County of Suffolk in his Maj^{ties} Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Fisherman Eldest son of Benjamin Bosworth late of Hull foresaid Taylor dece^d Intestate Sendeth Greeting. WHEREAS the Hon^{ble}. William Soughton Esq^r. Judge of Probate of Wills & Granting Administracons within the County of Suffolk aforesaid Pursuant to the Act Entitled An Act for the Settling and DISTRIBUTION of the Estate of INTESTATES and by virtue of the Power and authority to him Granted by an order under his hand and the Seale of the s^d Office of Probate bearing date the twenty fourth day of this Instant November upon and under the tearmes therein mentioned Did Order and Assigne THE WHOLE ESTATE of the said Deced^d. in houses and Lands mentioned in the Return of the Apprizers thereof with the members and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said Benjamin Bosworth Eldest son of the said Dec^d. and to his heirs and Assigns forever (saveing only unto Hannah Relict widow of the said Dec^d. her Dower or Thirds in the same during the Terme of her natural life) as in and by the said Order on Record or Copy thereof reference whereto being had more fully may appeare. NOW KNOW YEE that I the said Benjamin Bosworth for and in order to the accomplishment of the ends of the aforesaid Order for and in Consideracon of the Summe of *forty and three pounds* Currant money of New England to mee in hand well and truely paid before th'ensealing and Delivery of these presents by John Loreing and Benjamin Loreing of Hull afores^d yeomen the receipt whereof to full content and satisfaction I doe hereby acknowledge . . . HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed . . . unto them the said John Loreing and Benjamin Loreing their heirs and assigns forever. ONE MOIETY OR FULL HALF PART of a Lott of Land containing by Estimacon *Two acres* be the same more or less . . . on a Certain Island comonly called or knowne by the name of Pettocks Island within the Township of Hull afores^d. Bounded Easterly by land of Robert Gould Westerly by Land that did formerly belong to Deacon Bosworth Northerly and Southerly by the sea or salt water. Also a peice or parcel of Salt Marsh Meadow . *One Acre* . . on Pettocks Island . bounded Easterly by Land of Henry Chamberlaine . . . ALSO all my right title Interest Inheritance claime & Demand whatsoever Of in and to all the Lands lying on Sheep Island and Slatt Island (soe called) within the Township of Hull afores^d ALSO *one Acre* of Land . . . on Hog Island (so called) within

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the Township of Hull . . lying next to Thomas Colliers land on the North, by the Sea on East, West by Deacon Jones Land, and South by Land that was Serg^t. Bosworths ALSO a Lott of Land lying Scittuate at Strawberry hill within the Township of Hull . . containing by Estimacon *three quarters of an Acre* . . bounded by the Land of Benjamin Loreing on the West by the Highway on the North, by Land of Thomas Loreing on the South, and by Land of John Lobdell on the East. AND also half a Lott of Land lying on Whitehead so called within the Township of Hull . . *half an Acre* . . bounded Easterly with Land that was formerly Edw^d Bunns North, South and West by the Sea or Salt water, with half a Lotts Commonage on the neck, all which is part of the Estate w^{ch} the s^d. Benjamin Bosworth Dec^d. Dyed possessed of TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the before mentioned granted and bargained premises . . . unto the said John Loreing and Benjamin Loreing their heirs and assigns forever in Manner and forme following That is to say that at and imediately before y^e time of th'ensealing & Delivery of these p^rsents I am the true Sole and lawfull Owner & stand lawfully seized of all the above granted & bargained p^rmisses in my owne proper right of a good sure and Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee simple Having in myself full power good right and lawfull authority", etc. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Twenty fifth day of November Anno Dom¹. One thousand six hundred Ninety and six" etc.

The markes of Benja^a BB Bosworth

Signed sealed and Delivered in p^rsence of us Anthony Checkley Isaac Loreing Daniel Loreing Eliezer Moody, Scr.

This deed was acknowledged in Boston Nov. 25, 1696 before
Jer: Dumer—Justice of the Peace
Joseph Webb—Cler.

In 1699 Benjamin's name was on the roll as a private in the "South Company" of Plymouth, showing that he had gone there to live, drawn there no doubt by his mother's relatives, the Mortons.

He was probably married about this time, but *where*, we cannot say as the record has not been found; and as for the children, there were probably some whose names we do not find. The two whose birth record we have, were born in Plymouth, five years apart: a son Nathaniel, who was perhaps named from Benjamin's grandfather, Nathaniel Morton, and a daughter Joanna, named from the mother. (Plym. Col. Rec. p. 83). There was it appears an unrecorded son, Benjamin⁵, named from the father, who was probably the eldest.

In 1718 Benjamin⁴ was still living in Plymouth, for in the settlement of the estate of Robert Bartlett he is mentioned as

one to whom the estate was indebted. Later he must have removed to Point Shirley, at least his sons Benjamin⁵ and Nathaniel⁵ must have removed there, for in 1754, in "An Order respecting the Militia," given in Boston, Oct. 25, 1754, in a list of "names of the persons by Law obliged to Appear upon Alarms," the names of Benjamin and Nathaniel Bosworth, "Point Shirley" are found*. (See N. E. Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol. 20, p. 233),

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of Benjamin⁴ and Joanna (——) Bosworth

- 209 i—BENJAMIN⁵, b. prob. in Plymouth, Mass.
- 210 + ii—NATHANIEL⁵, b. in Plymouth, Sept. 1, 1709; d.——; m.
 Lydia Sampson.
- 211 + iii—JOANNA⁵, b. in Plymouth, May 19, 1714; d. ——; m.
 Samuel Doty, Jr.

* The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been kind enough to inform me of the exact location of Point Shirley, and give this interesting history concerning it:

"Point Shirley is on the mainland (opposite Deer Island) and is part of the Town of Winthrop.

"Known as Pullen or Pullin Point from 1630 it was annexed to Boston in 1632 and with Rumney Marsh and Winnissiment (also parts of Boston) was incorporated as Chelsea Jan. 10, 1739. That portion of Chelsea containing Point Shirley (formerly Pullen Point) was incorporated as North Chelsea March 19, 1846 and in turn that part of North Chelsea containing Point Shirley was incorporated as Winthrop March 27, 1852.

"Point Shirley is one of the few places in Massachusetts that had a formal naming. On Sept. 8, 1753 the Proprietors of Pullin Point, after leave from Gov. Shirley, gave it the name of Point Shirley at a dinner tendered to His Excellency at that place."

Hence we see that the next year after this Nathaniel and Benjamin Bosworth were living there.

In the year 1905, when in Plymouth, the compiler went to call on William T. Davis, author of "Landmarks of Plymouth," who was then well advanced in years, hoping to get some help on this family of Benjamin⁴. Mr. Davis was able to give some helpful suggestions and among them he said, "I think you will find this family went to the vicinity of Boston." This assures me that the statement is correct, that the Benjamin and Nathaniel who were living at "Point Shirley" in 1754 were the two sons of Benjamin⁴. If the latter was alive at that time he was about 80 years of age. He may have died there.

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JUDITH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin², Edward¹*) and Hannah (Morton), born probably in Hull, Mass., (date of death not known); married in Hull, Jan. 7, 1696-7, NATHANIEL³ CHURCH, of Scituate, Mass., son of Nathaniel² (Richard¹)*, born in Scituate, Feb. 10, 1670-1; died Mar. 4, 1755.

NOTE: As given in the old Hull records: "desember the 12: 1696 nathaniel church of Situat entered his intenthon to marig with Judah bosworth of hull January 7: 1697 the abave said parteys were maryed by Zachariah Whitman paster of the church of Hull."

Nathaniel Church was a ship builder. Of the ship yards on the banks of the North river in Scituate, "the first yard after leaving the Hanover line was the Fox Hill Yard." Ships were "built in this yard from 1690, when Nathaniel Church and John Palmer built vessels here, until 1869." (Old Scituate, p. 148).

NOTE: The Nathaniel referred to here is no doubt Nathaniel² Church, father of the one who married Judith Bosworth, but it was probably the same yard in which the son, Nathaniel³ and the grandson Nathaniel⁴ also built ships.

After the death of Nathaniel³ Church, administration on his estate was given to his eldest son, Nathaniel⁴ Church, Jr., he to pay to his brothers and sisters: Caleb; the heirs of Joseph deceased; Abigail, wife of William Turner; Judith Clift, widow; Deborah, wife of Ebenezer Fish; and Mary, wife of Charles Samson, their shares; this order was dated, Mar. 25, 1756. (Plym. Pro. Records; Case 3973).

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel³ and Judith (Bosworth) Church
born in Scituate, Mass.

212 i—NATHANIEL⁴ CHURCH, b. Mar. 7, 1698; d. 1778; m. (1) Mar. 24, 1719-20, Jerusha Perry, dau. of William, b. Feb. 11, 1699-

* Richard¹ Church, the grandfather of Nathaniel³, married a daughter of Richard Warren of the Mayflower, hence anyone descended from Nathaniel and Judith (Bosworth) Church are eligible to the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

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1700; m. (2) Mrs. Mary Curtis, Nov. 2, 1758. Children by 1st wife, b. in Scituate:

- 1—Thomas Church, b. Jan. 20, 1720(-1); "Capt. Thomas Church, eldest son of Nathaniel and Jerusha died Sept. 21, 1792, aged 72 years." (From grave records in Church Hill Cemetery, Norwell.)
- 2—Lydia Church, b. Sept. 20, 1722
- 3—Nathaniel Church, b. Jan. 20, 1723(-4)
- 4—Abigail Church, b. Feb. 11, 1726
- 5—William Church, b. Mar. 4, 1728; prob. d. y.
- 6—Sarah Church, b. Apr. 11, 1730
- 7—Jerusha Church, b. Mar. 8, 1732
- 8—William Church, b. Nov. 24, 1734; prob. d. y.
- 9—Charles Church, b. Dec. 9, 1735
- 10—Constant Church, b. July 28, 1737, bap. May 8, 1743
- 11—Lemuel Church, b. Jan. 28, 1738(-9); prob. d. y.
- 12—Lemuel Church, b. Dec. 6, 1742
- 13—William Church, b. Jan. 16, 1743(-4)

(For some of the above the compiler of this work is indebted to "The Descendants of Richard Church," pub. 1913.)

- 213 ii—ABIGAIL⁴ CHURCH, b. Mar. 22, 1700-1; m. Jan. 2, 1723-4, William Turner, son of Benjamin, b. Aug. 5, 1698. (Dates of death not known.) Children, b. in Scituate, and bap. in the 2nd Church of Scituate, now the 1st Unitarian Church of Norwell.

- 1—William Turner, bap. Nov. 26, 1727
- 2—Abel Turner, bap. June 8, 1729
- 3—Abigail Turner, bap. May 23, 1731
- 4—Elizabeth Turner, bap. Apr. 1, 1733
- 5—Lydia Turner, bap. June 13, 1736
- 6—Nathaniel Turner, bap. Feb. 10, 1739-40.

- 214 iii—JUDITH⁴ CHURCH, b. Oct. 1703; m. Apr. 28, 1720, William Clift, Jr., of Marshfield. (Dates of death not found). (Marriage Records from First Parish of Marshfield, and Rev. John Lathrop's original manuscript). Children bap. in 2nd Parish Church, Scituate.

- 1—William Clift, Jr., bap. July 30, 1721; m. Apr. 17, 1746, Bertha Hatch of Marshfield.
- 2—Wills Clift, bap. July 26, 1724; prob. d. y.
- 3—Nathaniel Clift, bap. Sept. 11, 1726
- 4—Lydia Clift, bap. Jan. 12, 1728-9
- 5—Willes Clift, bap. June 6, 1731
- 6—Silva (or Zilpha) Clift, bap. Aug. 18, 1734
- 7—Joseph Clift, bap. Aug. 8, 1736; m. Jan. 12, 1764, Mary Hatch.

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- 215 iv—DEBORAH⁴ CHURCH, b. Oct. 1705; m. Jan. 16, 1728-9, Ebenezer Fish, of Duxbury; birth of only one child recorded in Scituate;
 1—Mary Fish, bap. July 9, 1738.
- 216 v—JOSEPH⁴ CHURCH, b. May 22, 1709; m. Aug. 2, 1742, Grace Dwelly "alias Turner."
- 217 vi—CALEB⁴ CHURCH, b. Apr. 4, 1712; Jan. 20, 1736-7, Sarah Williamson, of Marshfield.
- 218 vii—MARY⁴ CHURCH, b. Oct. 26, 1718; m. June 19, 1740, Charles Seaman, of Plymouth.
- 219 viii—TIMOTHY⁴ CHURCH, b. ———; d. Mar. 24, 1794; m. Sept. 5, 1765, Elizabeth Rose, of Hanover, Mass.

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HEZEKIAH⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., about 1678; died previous to August 1745; married at Plymouth, Feb. 20, 1702-3, BETHIA BOLES; dates of birth and death unknown. Hezekiah was known as a fisherman.

In 1676, after the death of his father, Hezekiah, being under age, but above fourteen, had the privilege of choosing his own guardian. He chose Lieut. Robert Goold of Hull, who was probably his uncle, having married the sister of Benjamin³. Later in life, Hezekiah, as well as his brother Benjamin⁴, left Hull and went to Plymouth where his mother's family lived; here we find his name among the privates of the "South Company" of Plymouth commanded by James Warren, Roll dated 1699.

On a list of the "communicants or members" of the First Church of Plymouth (now kept in Pilgrim Hall, p. 56) Hezekiah's name appears under date of Mar. 10, 1703, and among the "Names of women since added" is found: "Bethiah Bosworth ye wife of Hezekiah Bosworth." Further on in the book (p. 71), in a list of "Members admitted", is found "Bethiah ye wife of hezekiah Bosworth," Aug. 3, 1707, and "hezekiah

Bosworth,"* Nov. 16, 1707. Under names of "Persons Baptized" is found:

"Hannah ye Daughter of Hezekiah Bosworth," Nov. 16, 1707

"Hezekiah the son of Hezekiah," July 8, 1716 (p.83)

"Benjamin ye son of Hezekiah Bosworth, July 15, 1722. (p.93)

Feb. 20, 1702-3 Hezekiah married Bethia Boles (Plym. Town Rec. p. 163) and on July 10, 1706, bought a house and lot of Joshua Morse on Bradford street, above Emerald street, for £23. On Oct. 10, 1712 he sold this place to Ephraim Little for £16. .10s. In 1717-18 Hezekiah was still a resident of Plymouth, for in the settlement of the estate of Robert Bartlett, he is included in the list of those who were indebted to the estate.

Apr. 24, 1719, Eleazer Rogers, for 55s. deeds to Hezekiah Bosworth of Plymouth, fisherman, 35 acres of land, being a part of a 60 acre lot granted by the Proprietors of Plymouth, "which sd. Hezekiah laid out with some other land of his own in Plymouth."

May 31, 1721, Hezekiah Bosworth "of Cape Cod, county of Barnstable, fisherman," sells to Gideon Ellis of Plymouth, cordwainer, a dwelling house and 55 acres of land in Plymouth that he had formerly occupied. (Plym. Deeds, Vol. 15, p. 215)

Although at this time (1721), Hezekiah is called "of Cape Cod," and his name is found on a mutilated document of Provincetown, dated 1725 (Freeman's Hist. of Cape Cod, p. 629), the church records of Plymouth tell of the baptism there of a son Benjamin, on July 15, 1722. He may have been born in Provincetown and the parents, having retained their membership in the Plymouth church, took him across the bay to Plymouth a distance of 23 or 24 miles, to be baptized.

From Provincetown, Hezekiah and Bethia may have gone to Falmouth, Me., on Casco Bay (now Portland), for on July 17, 1740, a Bethia Bosworth, who was probably their daughter, was married there to Thomas Frank, but had died previous to 1750, when he married second, Ann Babbage. (See N. E. Hist. Reg., Vol. 14, p. 226, also "Old Times in No. Yarmouth, Me., Vol. 7, p. 1029).

* The compiler cannot explain this, as it is difficult to understand how, if a person is already a member, they can be "admitted" again. However other similar cases have been found, and the compiler can only state facts.

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Previous to Aug. 3, 1745, Bethia had removed to Boston* for on that date Letters of Administration were granted to "Bethia Bosworth of Boston, widow, on the estate of your son, Benjamin Bosworth late carpenter on board his Majesty's Hulk Ludlow Castle, deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his decease Goods Chattels Rights or Credits in the county aforesaid lately Died Intestate." Return to be made "at or before the third day of November ensuing." Dated at Boston the third day of August anno Dom. 1745."

This is the last record the compiler could find of any of this family.

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of Hezekiah and Bethia (Boles) Bosworth

- 220 i—HANNAH⁵, b. at Plymouth, Nov. 17, 1703; bap. Nov. 16, 1707
- 221 ii—HEZEKIAH⁵, b. at Plymouth, May 27, 1716; bap. July 8, 1716.
(Nothing further was found of these two.)
- 222 iii—BETHIA⁵, b. abt. 1718; prob. m. at Falmouth, Me., July 17, 1740, Thomas Frank, and d. before 1750. No record of children found.
- 223 iv—BENJAMIN⁵, b. ———; bap. at Plymouth, July 15, 1722; d. at Boston, previous to Aug. 3, 1745.

NOTE: There were probably other children, but no trace of any could be found.

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HANNAH⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin² Edward¹*) and Hannah (Morton), born in Hull, Mass. in 1680; (date of death not known); married at Plymouth, Mass. Nov. 5, 1700, FRANCIS CURTIS, son of Francis and Hannah (Smith) Curtis, born in Plymouth, April 1679. (The old Plymouth records say "Mid. Apr^l." The name is often spelled "Curtice" on these records.)

The family of Curtis, or Curtice, to which Francis belonged seems to have settled first at Scituate, for a book called

* Mr. Davis, author of "Landmarks of Plymouth," told me he thought I would find traces of this family in Hollis Street Church, Boston, but the search failed to bring any further information.

"Old Scituate", published in 1921, tells of a Benjamin Curtis who in 1688 built a saw mill and later a grist mill on the "Third Herring Brook", called the Curtis Mills, the latter having been "in use until within a decade"; at one time they were known as "Samuel Church's Mills."

NOTE: As Hannah's elder sister married a Church and lived at Scituate there may have been some connection between these events. The compiler puts this in as a suggestion to anyone who may be interested. It is not stated as a fact.

As the parents of this Francis Curtis were also Francis and Hannah, it is hard to separate their histories; however, "Francis Curtice Sen. of Plymouth" sold 30 a. of land "on Monponsett pond" to David Bosworth (No. 60), Aug. 7, 1701, and on Sept. 9, 1708 sold 92 a. in Plymouth to their son Ebenezer with the agreement that they were to have the "use and improvement" of it for the remainder of their lives; so the following probably refers to the son Francis and wife Hannah Bosworth.

On the records of the "First Church of Plymouth", preserved in Pilgrim Hall, is found the following: Members admitted July 2, 1710, "Hannah Curtice ye wife of Francis Curtice" and on July 9, 1710, five of their children were baptized. (p. 78) On Aug. 4, 1716, Lydia "the daughter of Hannah Curtice" was baptized. (p. 86) In a catalogue of the members for 1724, the name of "Hannah, wife of Francis Curtice" appears. (p. 99) This was the last record that was found.

CHILDREN

of Francis and Hannah (Bosworth) Curtis
born at Plymouth, Mass.

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| 224 | i—JAMES CURTIS, | bap. July 9, 1710 |
| 225 | ii—ELKANAH CURTIS, | " " " " |
| 226 | iii—FRANCIS CURTIS, | " " " " |
| 227 | iv—NATHANIEL CURTIS, | " " " " |
| 228 | v—SILVANUS CURTIS, | " " " " |
| 229 | vi—LYDIA CURTIS, | bap. Aug. 4, 1716 |

NOTE: It may be possible that there were more children in this family. This is all that are mentioned on the church records at Plymouth, but they may have removed to another place.

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MARY⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Nathaniel³ Jr. (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and second wife Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., June 7, 1682; (date of death not known); married JOHN¹ DILLEY (also written Dill, Dille, Dele and Deell). Lincoln, in his history of Hingham, says of John "Dill", that he "came to Hull, Mass., about 1700, and was the ancestor of all who have borne this surname in Hingham and vicinity."

NOTE: As we shall see in the history of Mary's brother Ephraim, Mary was living in 1760, when in his will he left her an annuity. She was then in her seventy-ninth year. I have used the name as given in her brother's will, although Lincoln gives it Dill, and it is so given several times in the Hull Records.

CHILDREN

of John and Mary (Bosworth) DILLEY, (or DILL)
born in Hull, Mass.

- 230 i—JOHN DILLEY, b. Dec. 25, 1708; d. Dec. 18, 1719.
- 231 ii—MARY DILLEY, b. Feb. 7, 1710; d. unm. Nov. 4, 1730.
- 232 iii—NATHANIEL DILLEY, b. June 19, 1713; d. Aug. 10, 1749; m. (1) Dec. 29, 1743, Mary Goold, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Prince) Goold, b. May 21, 1721; d. Feb. 25, 1744; Nathaniel m. (2) June 13, 1748, Elizabeth Pray; a child, Mary Dilley, b. in Hull, Apr. 19, 1749.
- 233 iv—EPHRAIM DILLEY, b. May 25, 1717; d. Sept. 22, 1730.
- 234 v—BRIDGET DILLEY, b. March 2, 1721; d. Nov. 17, 1730.
- 235 vi—JOHN DILLEY, b. Feb. 20, 1722; d. ————
- 236 vii—SAMUEL DILLEY, b. Sept. 20, 1725; m. in Hull, Oct. 20, 1749, Elizabeth Hulker. Children:
 - 1—Anne Dilley, b. Aug. 12, 174-, (prob. 1750); d. Aug. 21, 1754
 - 2—John Dilley, b. Sept. 19, 1751; d. Aug. 26, 1754.
 - 3—Samuel Dilley, b. Apr. 19, 1754;
 - 4—Nathaniel Dilley, bap. Oct. 17, 1756;
 - 5—Lemuel Dilley, bap. July 12, 1761; d. Nov. 1, 1836; m. in Hingham, May 25, 1785, Mrs. Milcah (Stodder) (Bryant) Beal, the wid. of Elijah Beal, and previously the

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wife of Thomas Bryant. Milcah was a dau. of Samuel and Jemima (Cobb) Stodder, b. in Hingham, Dec. 30, 1757; d. in Hing. Oct. 15, 1844, ae. 87. Lemuel was a soldier and a famous drummer in the War of the Revolution. Their ch. b. in Hingham were Lemuel and Melia, twins, b. June 14, 1788, and Sally, b. Dec. 2, 1790; m. Capt. Luther Stodder; Melia m. Martin Sprague.

6—Daniel *Dilley (or Dill), b. and d. in Hull; m. Mary — who d. a wid., at Hull, Aug. 25, 1857, ae. 92 y. Their ch. b. in Hingham were: 1—Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1784; m. Jeremiah Dilley (or Dill) of Hull; he d. June 18, 1861 ae. 82 y. (b. 1779). 2—Betsey, b. 1787; m. Elijah Turner. 3—Jane, b. 1789; m. Caleb Lovell of Hull. 4—Emma, b. 1792; m. John Reed of Hull. 5—Daniel, b. 1795, d. at Hull, Jan. 14, 1858. He m. and had a son, Davis Whiting Dill.

7—James Dilley (or Dill), bap. Oct. 5, 1766.

John¹ and Mary (Bosworth) Dilley lived at Hull, and it will be observed that a similar tragedy occurred in their family as in that of Mary's parents, for three of their children died within three months in 1730.

* I do not find any record of the birth of Daniel, but Lincoln says he was a descendant of John² and a native of Hull, and that he was probably a brother of Lemuel, so I have concluded he belongs here. He also says: "Daniel Dill was in active service during the War of the Revolution and served on the quota of Hingham. About 1800 or soon after he returned to Hull with his family and there passed the remainder of his days." The above data about his family was taken from the same source. In this history the family are called "Dill."

A small history of Hull, pub. in 1830, tells of £2700 being raised in Nov. 1780 "to pay the Dills for serving three months in the Continental army." As Hull's quota was three men perhaps the three Dill brothers, Samuel, Nathaniel and Lemuel, sons of Samuel, (son of John²) were the three. Daniel, who was living in Hingham at the time, served on the quota of that town. The history remarks that the £2700 "being in 'old tenor' in reality melted down to a very small sum," and adds: "One of the soldiers who went out from Nantasket [Hull] . . . is yet living to enjoy the bounty of a grateful nation. His name is Lemuel Dill."

NOTE: In the year 1820, according to the U. S. Census, there was a widow, Esther Dill, living in Hull with a family, and among them sons Lemuel and Jeremiah. These were no doubt descendants of John and Mary (Bosworth) Dilley (or Dill).

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EPHRAIM⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Nathaniel³, Jr., (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and second wife Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., Sept. 24, 1684; died between July 22, 1760, the date of his will, and Sept. 12, 1760; when it was probated; married at Hull, May 4, 1710, MARY JONES, probably the daughter of Thomas and Mary, born in Hull, July 6, 1693.

NOTE: The above Thomas Jones was probably the eldest son of Abraham² (Thomas¹) and Sarah (Whitman) Jones, of Hull, the latter a *sister* of Rev. Zachariah Whitman. (See p. 121, where the compiler erred in calling her a *daughter*. He did have a daughter Sarah, but she married Robert Gould. See p. 186).

In his deeds Ephraim is called at various times: "yeoman", "malster" and "Gentleman."

On March 7, 1711, "Mary Bosworth of Hull Relict widow of Nathaniel Bosworth late of Hull deceased and Lemuel Bosworth of Hull; Joseph Bosworth of Boston, shipwright; John Dill of Hull, Fisherman and Mary his wife; Edward Southworth of Middlebury in the County of Plymouth, Husbandman and Bridget his wife (children of the said deceased)", sold to "Ephraim Bosworth of Hull, Cordwainer (eldest son of said deceased) for £66..13s..4d, . . . as also for & in Consideration of the sum of Fifty Pounds . . . paid by him . . . on behalf & by mutual agreement of all the Children of the said deceased unto their abovesaid Mother . . . as well in lieu of her Rights . . . with the joint consent of their said Mother, All their right and interest . . . in the Estate of their said deceased Father." One of the witnesses to this deed was Thomas Jones, probably the father of Mary, whose land joined that of this family.

In the settlement of the estate of his brother Joseph in 1713, it was agreed that Ephraim was not to pay any part of certain charges against it.

During the years from April 1716, until his death in 1760, Ephraim and Mary his wife sold land to Daniel Barker, Amos

Binney, Jacob Griggs, Nathaniel Nichols, John Ruggles, Samuel Wait and Thos. Watts; and during the same period they bought land of Amos Binney; William and Mary Burt; John, Jonathan and Moses Collier; Sarah Goold (widow of Robert¹ Goold); Joseph Glidden; Abraham Jones; Benjamin Lincoln; Cromwell and Judith Lobdell; Caleb, David, James, John, Matthew and Solomon Loring; Joseph Milton; William Pook (Poole?) and Benj. Thaxter.

From March, 1708, when at a Town Meeting of Hull, at the age of 23, Ephraim was chosen "fenceviewer", he seems to have taken quite a prominent part in the affairs of the town.

At the Town Meeting of March 1717, appointed Constable; 1718, Selectman; 1719/20, Town Clerk; and at this time he seems to have been doing the duties of Town Treasurer for the following receipt is found copied on the Town Records of Hull:

"Received of Ephraim Bosworth town treasurer at several times and now the Sixenth day of june three pounds ten shilings in full of fourty pounds in bells of credit du to me from the town of hull for praching to them in the year past jeneuary last I say reseved by me as above sd this sixtenth day of june 1720

Zechariah Whitman minister

Recorded by me Ephraim Bosworth town Clark."

At the Town meeting of March 1721 Ephraim was again appointed Town Clerk; 1722/3, Selectman; 1724/5, one of the "Sesers and Townsmen," Oct. 19, 1724, Ephraim Bosworth appointed one of a committee "to get a minister to help Mr. Whitman."

March 22, 1724/5 it was voted that the town should call a minister and Ephraim Bosworth was one of "a Commety To Git Mr. Cloys and Mr. Caffender In order to hear these men one Mouth A pice and s^d Commety are Impowered to draw money oute of ye treasury to pay s^d. men for preaching. Att s^d. meeting It was voted y^t Deacon Loring & Ephraim Borsworth Shall be y^e men to go to Mr. Whitman to see if he will Baite anything of his salary" etc.

On June 8, 1725 Ephraim Bosworth was chosen one of a committee to "Git Mr. Caffender to Supply y^e pulpit Untill the twenty-Eighth day of this instant June."

March 7, 1726 Ephraim Bosworth and Sam'l Loring were appointed "field drivers."

Sept. 12, 1726 it was voted that Ephraim Bosworth and others "Shall be paide y^e monny y^t they have Been out in y^e year past for y^e work of y^e ministry out of y^e Publick Treasury."

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June 18, 1727 Ephraim was chosen Grandjuryman; 1728 again chosen Town Clerk; March 1728/9, Ephraim Bosworth and Joseph Lobdell chosen "field drivers."

Feb. 23, 1729/30 "It was voted . . . that if any of the inhabitants of said town shall Gather any shells for the mareit that they shall pay Three pence Per bussell at said meeting Ephraim Bersworth John Loring & Joseph Milton was Chosen a Commity to Disspose of the shell Exsepting what shall be wanted by any of the inhabitants fer thare one youse."

March 6, 1731 Ephraim Bosworth chosen "Surveyor of fences"; 1732/3, one of three "Sesors and Townsmen."

Jan. 8, 1733 "it was voted that John Goold and Ephraim Borsworth Should be imployed to git the mony for the slate that was taken of slatish-land fer the Metinghous at boston."

March 19, 1733 Ephraim was chosen "Moderator," also one of a committee of seven to build a new Meeting house, to be 30 feet wide and 36 feet long.

March 4, 1733/4 he was chosen Surveyor of Highways. At the same meeting it was voted that the thirteen pews in the new meeting house be sold for 8 pounds apiece and Ephraim Bosworth bought one. *Dec. 2, 1734* it was voted that a record should be kept of the owners of the pews; Ephraim's was No. 14. *Nov. 10, 1735*, Ephraim Bosworth appointed Moderator.

May 15, 1738 he was again chosen Moderator, "and sd meeting was a Gorned unTill the nintenth of This instant May at aight a Clock in the forenone." *March 5, 1739* Ephraim was again appointed "Sesor."

Feb. 24, 1741/2, in a list of those who had rights in the undivided lands in Hull, Ephraim is named. The following is on record at Hull:

"These may certifie all whom it may Concern that Mr Ephraim Boswoth of Hull is in full Communion with the Baptist church in Boston under the pastoral care of Mr. Ephraim Bounds & Constantly attends our publick Worship weather permitting.

John Worship
Tho^s Boucher

Two of the Brethren of the sd Church Nov. 5, 1744

To the Assessors or Town Clark of Hull or any other whom it may Concern."

May 14, 1746, Ephraim Bosworth's name on a list of persons whose taxes were abated in Boston.

Feb. 25, 1760, Ephraim Bosworth was Moderator of the Town Meeting. A drawing was again made of undivided lands and Ephraim drew several lots.

WILL OF EPHRAIM BOSWORTH.

"In the name of God Amen I Ephraim Bosworth of Hull in ye county of Suffolk & Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman being weak & infirm in Body but thro ye goodness of God of sound and disposing mind & memory considering ye uncertainty of life do make & ordain this my last Will. First & principally I commend my precious & immortal Soul into the hands of God who gave it, relying solely on his Mercy thro ye Marits & Satisfaction of my only Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ for ye pardon

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of all my Sins & gracious acceptance with him. My Body I commit to y^e Earth to be decently interred at y^e discretion of my Executors herein after named nothing doubting but at y^e General Resurrection I shall receive y^e same again by y^e mighty power of God, and as for my wordly Estate I dispose thereof as follows:

Imprimis—I will & order that all my Just debts & Funeral Expenses be well & truly paid by my Executors with all convenient speed after my decease.

Item—I give to my sister Mary Dilley my Cow Common at y^e upper end of y^e Neck in Hull aforesd next y^e Town to be holden by her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also order my Executors to pay her out of the income of my Estate y^e sum of Four Pounds yearly for and during her natural life.

Item. In consideration of y^e faithful service performed to me by my servant Cuffee I do hereby liberate and set free him my said Servant Cuffee from Slavery or any further Service to my Heirs or any other Person whatsoever & I desire my Executors to give sufficient caution to ye Town of Hull agreeable to Law to save them harmless from any charge for his support during his life & I do hereby subject my Estate to pay such charges if any shall happen. I give unto ye said Cuffee the Bed he now uses with ye Bedding & Furniture thereto belonging & also my Tract of Land or Field Lying at a place called Whitehead in Hull aforesd & buildings thereon to be holden by him his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Mary ye residue of my Household furniture (saving my Library) forever & also ye use income and improvement of ye remainder of my estate Real & Personal for and during her natural life.

Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my esteemed and good friends ye Rev. Mr. Ephraim Bound, Messrs Joseph Collins and Phillip Freeman, all of Boston . . . all my Estate Real and Personal . . . remaining at my Wifes decease as a token of my great love and regard for them to be holden by them their Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I do hereby appoint said Messrs. Bound, Collins and Freeman to be ye Executors of this my last Will . . . In witness whereof I ye said Ephraim Bosworth have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty Second Day of July A. D. 1760 & in the 34 year of his Majestys Reign.

Ephraim Bosworth and a Seal.

Signed Sealed Pronounced & Declared
by ye said . . . Testator to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who in his presence & sight set to our names as Witnesses. Thomas Bayley Josiah King William Story.”

Probated—Boston, Sept. 12, 1760

Dec. 29, 1760, Mary Bosworth, widow of Ephraim, “for many services rendered . . . equal to £8, since his freedom by the last will of his master,

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Ephraim Bosworth late of Hull deceased", deeds him a lot "on the Town Town Street in Hull."*

Apr. 20, 1763, Ephraim Bound, pastor of the Baptist church in Boston, Thomas Boucher and Joseph Collins, two deacons of said church, deed to Henry Plympton, trustee, the property left them in the will of Ephraim Bosworth of Hull; the income of this property to be *Forever* used toward the support of public worship in said church and for the relief of the poor of the church, and "if ever the said church depart from their principles expressed in their Church Covenant on which they embodied the twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and forty three . . . it shall be lawful for the said Ephraim, Joseph and Philip . . . to enter into . . . and hold the same."

NOTE: The above property included a lot of seven and a half acres near the meeting house in Hull, with a small barn. There was also a house in Boston which Ephraim Bound reserved for his own use; "also several Pews in the New Baptist Meeting House in said Boston, . . . No. 8 on the lower floor and Nos. 27, 29 and 30 in the *Woman's Gallery*."

Nov. 11, 1773, "Cuff Bosworth, (a former slave)", mortgages land.

May 30, 1777, Margaret Bosworth, widow, appointed adm. of her late husband, Cuff Bosworth, late of Hull, yeoman, deceased intestate.

July 3, 1779, "Peggy Bosworth, widow of Cuffe", sold nine acres of land at Whitehead, for £700 to Jas. Loud, of Boston. On Dec. 23, 1779, she again sold land.

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LEMUEL⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and second wife, Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., Oct. 15, 1686; died at Hull, July 1, 1749; married at Hull, Dec. 23, 1714, MARY JONES, daughter of Thomas Jones, Sen. of Hull, date of birth or death not known, but she was living in January 1756, when she sold land.

NOTE: According to the N. E. Hist. Register, (Vol. 18, p. 188), this Mary Jones was a daughter of Thomas and Bathsheba Jones. If this is correct, Bathsheba was a *first* wife, for the wife of Thomas when he made his will, was Elizabeth, whose maiden name was Pitts, whom he married in Hingham in 1673. This is proved by the will of Elizabeth's father, Edmond Pitts of Hingham, in which he leaves a legacy to "Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Jones"; also by her deed, made in 1734, in which she calls herself "Elizabeth Jones of Hull widow of Thomas Jones deceased," and deeds "for the

*An example of real devotion, properly rewarded.

love I do bear to my son Joseph Melton and my daughter Bathsheba Melton . . . one fourth part of land in Hingham that was formerly my fathers Edmond Pitts deceased" etc. Now Thomas in his will, proved Dec. 28, 1719, gave the use of his entire estate for life to Elizabeth his wife, but gave legacies to Joseph Melton and his wife (Bathsheba); to the children of his son Thomas, deceased; to daughter Mary, wife of Lemuel Bosworth; and to daughter Lydia and her husband (Isaac Vickery). He also added a clause which reads: "And my will is that my daughter Lidia if she hath any mind to sell or to dispose of her part that she shall give my Daughter Mary and Lemuel Bosworth her Husband and their Heirs the refusal of it . . ." On Apr. 15, 1720, Lydia and Isaac Vickery divided the land with Mary and Lemuel Bosworth and in the deed (which may be found at Boston, Bk. 40, p. 151) it is stated that Thomas Jones late of Hull, by his last will . . . gave to Joseph Melton and Bathsheba the one-half his estate and "to his other two daughters namely Lydia Vicre and Mary Bosworth the other half."*

March 3, 1723/4, Lemuel was appointed a Constable of Hull.

Lemuel's land transactions began on Oct. 17, 1710, when he bought land of his mother, the widow Mary Bosworth for £8,

"One moiety or half of all that one Tract or parcell of land . . . in Middleborough (in the five mens purchase so called) formerly belonging to my Hon^d. Father John Morton."

Jan. 31, 1710/11 Lemuel Bosworth of Hull bought land in Middleboro of Hannah Lothrop that she had received from her father John Morton. (Thus we see she was Lemuel's aunt, his mother's sister.)

Oct. 2, 1713, John Morton of Middleboro, gives a quit-claim deed to "my *cousin*[†] Lemuel Bosworth" land that the said Lemuel had bought of John Morton's sisters that they had inherited from their father, "one whole share of land in the purchase called the Sixteen Shilling Purchase—belonging to the Right of my Hon^d. Father John Morton deceased", etc.

Lemuel and his family may have lived for a time on this property in Middleboro, for on Mar. 12, 1728/9, Lemuel is mentioned as "of Hull, late residing in Middleborough, weaver," in a deed given by him, of two pieces of land that had originally been given out by lot to Lettice Morton, widow of John, mother of Mary and grandmother of Lemuel, in Middleboro. *Nov. 24, 1726*, Lemuel of Hull, "mariner", and Mary his wife, sell land in Hull, one-half an acre, "formerly the estate of John Dill."

* The above is not clear, as the Joneses of Hull and Hingham seem to be a hopeless tangle, and not many points in this history have given the compiler more hard work than trying to get at the truth about those who have married into the Bosworth family, especially Benjamin Jones who married Bathsheba Bosworth (No. 16), and now these two Marys who married the brothers Ephraim and Lemuel Bosworth. The will of Thomas Jones may be found in Boston Probate, Bk. 21, p. 583, and Elizabeth's deed in Suffolk Co. Deeds, 55-126.

†The term "cousin" in those days seems often to signify any kind of relationship; in this case Lemuel was John's "nephew" as we term it now, a son of his sister.

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June 17, 1729, Lemuel mortgages land in Middleboro, and Mary his wife signed "in token of her free Consent to these Presents and full Relinquishment of all her Right of Dower." In this mortgage Lemuel is called a "fisherman."

Mar. 31, 1743, Lemuel, then of Hull, sold land in Middleboro, which "did originally belong unto the Right of Lettice Morton . . . on the Neck of Land commonly called Mad Mares Neck."

Feb. 12, 1749, Lemuel mortgaged land in Hull at "Linkhorns Neck at lower falls", to his son-in-law, Daniel Barker.

On July 1, 1749, Lemuel died and on Jan. 8, 1749/50, Daniel Barker of Boston, blacksmith, was appointed Admr. on the estate of "your Father in Law Lemuel Bosworth late of Hull, weaver deceased"; given one year to settle the affairs.

After Lemuel's death, Mary, his widow, in company with her daughter Elizabeth and husband, Daniel Barker, continued to do business as late as 1756, but on Nov. 10, 1758, Daniel sold land and in the deed "Mary Bosworth deceased," is mentioned.

CHILDREN

of Lemuel and Mary (Jones) Bosworth
born in Hull, Mass.

237 + i—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Feb. 27, 1716; m. Daniel Barker.

238 ii—MARY⁵, b. May 4, 1724; d. Nov. 26, 1734, aged "10 yrs. 6 mo. 22 da."

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JOSEPH⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and second wife, Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., July 10, 1689; died sometime after January 1728; married in Boston, Aug. 11, 1715, by Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather (Presby.), MARY EVANS, daughter of Jonathan and Mary born in Boston, Dec. 4, 1692. Her death probably occurred between Jan. 24 and Feb. 4, 1728.

Joseph lived at Boston and was known as a "shipwright", but in 1728 he is called "of Boston, mariner."

March 7, 1711, Joseph, then unmarried, joined with the other members of the family in selling to his brother Ephraim, the land inherited from their father.

March 7, 1726, Caleb Loring and Joseph Bosworth were chosen "Hog reeves" at a Town meeting in Hull, and on *March 21*, of the same year "It was voated y^t Joseph Borsworth Shall have y^e use of y^e flats against his Land from y^e Begining of y^e year 1725 to y^e end of y^e year 1726 for five Shillings A year."

Jan. 24, 1728, "Mary Evans a widow, Mary Bosworth wife of Joseph Bosworth, mariner, Bathsheba Evans, spinster, and Joseph Evans, merchant, all of Boston" sold to John Horton of Boston, a "small Strip of Land with rear of Our Garden Land in the North End of Boston . . . bounded Northeasterly on Garden Land of the said John Horton." One of the witnesses to this deed was John Prince, (this name might be Prine, or Pimon; it is very illegible), who on *Feb. 4, 1728*, before the deed was recorded, "made oath that he saw Mary Bosworth sign", so it is probable that her death occurred previous to this date. Joseph and Mary were perhaps living with the widowed mother at the time this land was sold. As to the time of Joseph's death there has nothing been found to indicate it.

There is at Hull a record of three children of Joseph and Mary Bosworth, and in Boston the record of their baptism in the "Second Church," where Mary had been "Received into the Covenant," *Nov. 11, 1716*. However it seems very probable that there was an unrecorded son named Lemuel, after Joseph's brother, for on *Feb. 25, 1773*, there was a *Lemuel Bosworth* of Hull, who sold land in Middleboro, Mass.

CHILDREN

of Joseph and Mary (Evans) Bosworth
probably born in Boston, but recorded in Hull.

- 239 i—JOSEPH⁵, b. *Dec. 11, 1716*; bapt. in Boston, *Dec. 16, 1716*. No further record has ever been found.
- 240 ii—EPHRAIM⁵, b. *Aug. 1720*; bapt. in Boston, *Sept. 4, 1720*. On *March 9, 1745*, Ephraim Bosworth, a "tanner", of Boston, "being bound on an expedition against the enemy In Capt. Benjamin Goldthwaites Co. and knowing the Danger I may be exposed to Do make this my last will" etc. After the usual formula of commending his "Soul to God", he bequeaths all his "wordly substance" to his "beloved friend John Proctor, son of Mr. Benjamin Proctor, Tanner"; the latter being made Exr. This will was probated *Jan. 28, 1745/6*, so it is probable he lost his life in this expedition, as he feared.
- 241 + iii—ROBERT⁵, b. *Sept. 15, 1722*; bapt. in Boston, *Sept. 16, 1722*.

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BRIDGET⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and second wife, Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., June 2, 1691; married in Hull, June 25, 1711, EDWARD⁴ SOUTHWORTH of Middleboro, Mass., son of Lieut. Nathaniel³ (Constant², Edward¹) and Desire (Gray), born in Plymouth, 1688. He moved with his family to the North Parish of Bridgewater, Mass. during its early settlement, where he died, Apr. 26, 1748, aged 60. After Edward's death his widow Bridget married, Apr. 19, 1749, Capt. John Phillips.

NOTE: Constant Southworth, a step-son of Gov. William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony, born 1615, came to New England in 1628, was an early settler of Duxbury, married Elizabeth Collier. Desire Gray was a daughter of Edward and Dorothy (Lettice) Gray. Lieut. Nathaniel Southworth left a will, dated Sept. 18, 1708, in which he bequeathed to sons Ichabod, Nathaniel and *Edward* and to two daughters. In September 1714 land in Middleboro which was left them by their father's will was divided between these three sons.

CHILDREN

of Edward and Bridget (Bosworth) SOUTHWORTH
born in Middleboro or Bridgewater, Mass.

- 242 i—CONSTANT⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. July 25, 1712; d. 1775; m. (1) Martha Keith, (2) Mrs. Hannah Shaw; had ten ch.
- 243 ii—BRIDGET⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Apr. 15, 1714; m. Apr. 21, 1734, Thomas Collier of Hull; prob. a son of Gershom and Elizabeth (Pool) Collier, b. Jan. 27, 1705/6. (Elizabeth was a dau. of Jonathan and Judith Pool, of Reading.)
- 244 iii—EBENEZER⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Aug. 13, 1716; m. Elizabeth (——); had four ch.
- 245 iv—EDWARD⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Dec. 1718; m. Abia (Lydia) Packard; had nine ch.
- 246 v—THEOPHILUS⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Feb. 10, 1720; served eight months as a private in Capt. Elijah Crooke's company, Col. (Brig. Gen.) John Thomas' regt. in 1775, from the town of Scituate.
- 247 vi—SARAH⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Jan. 16, 1723; m. May 25, 1745, Peter Edson.

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- 248 vii—LEMUEL⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Apr. 27, 1728; m. Patience West; had three ch.
- 249 viii—BENJAMIN⁵ SOUTHWORTH (twin to Lemuel), b. Apr. 27, 1728; d. abt. 1800; m. Mar. 3, 1763, Mary Smith.
- 250 ix—MARY⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Jan. 2, 1731/2; m. Oct. 31, 1751, Eliphalet Jones of Hull.

NOTE: The first child of Thomas and Bridget (Southworth) Collier, was Janè, b. in Hull, Nov. 27, 1734; a son William d. Dec. 22, 1790. There was also a son BOSWORTH COLLIER, who m. Anna House of Hanover, June 13, 1771. He d. previous to Dec. 16, 1800, when an Adm. was apt. on his estate.

In 1782 the selectmen of the town of Hull were "requested by Mrs. Bridget Collier to give their opinion in regard to her husband Mr. Thomas Collier" and he was judged "Non Compos". Three men were appointed gdns., one of them being his son *Bosworth Collier*, Housewright. Thomas d. previous to Feb. 20, 1787, when three men were appointed to "make an equal division of the Real Estate of Thomas Collier late of Hull, deceased", and Mrs. Bridget Collier was given her "Dower or thirds", which land in the vicinity of Hull and on Petox (Peddocks) and Slate islands, was valued at £71..5..4.

For the records of some of the Southworth children this compiler is indebted to the Southworth Genealogy.

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BRIDGET⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Oct. 29, 1686; married JOHN PAPILLION, son of Peter and Joan Papillion (Papillaus), born in Bristol, July 20, 1685. No record of John's death has been found, but on Nov. 29, 1722, Mrs. Bridget Papillion was married (2) in Bristol, by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, to JAMES PECKER of Boston, who died previous to 1734, and Bridget married (3) EDWARD EVELETH of Ipswich, Mass. She was his third wife. Edward Eveleth died Nov. 5, 1759, and widow Bridget returned to Boston where her estate was inventoried Apr. 9, 1768.

Grandfather Nathaniel Soperworth The first Deacon of the Church
Died in Bristol Departed this Life August 31/1699 in the 73rd yer of his age

Howard Father Polmy Soperworth Departed this Life March 16/1713
the 63 yer of his age & was Buried at the upper Burying Place

Nath^l. Soperworth was Born a Saturday March 3/1694 & Baptized Dymospotha
Nath^l. Soperworth & Lydia Conist was married 26 octob 1714 At my fathers house
By the Reverend Mr John Spearhawk

bridgit Born July 6/1715 & Baptized By Mr Spearhawk

Rebecca & Nath^l Born November 16/1716 & Baptized By the Reverend Mr Nath^l. Cotton

Ann Born March 5/1720²¹ & Baptized By Mr Cotton

Elizabeth & Lydia Born Febury 3/1723 & Baptized By Mr Cotton

My Dear wife Lydia Departed this Life May 15/1726 went to Bad wall & Dyed Before morning
At 73 yer of her age & was Buried in the upper place in Bristol

My Dear Little Sister Lydia Departed this Life December 14/1729 in her 4th yer Buried in Boston
By Howard Ant. Perkins Departed this Life July 28/1732 Buried in Boston in the south Burying Place with my

Nath^l. Soperworth & Elizabeth Little Widow to Griffiths Ldwy of Newport
were married September 15/1727. in Newport By Job Layton Justice of Peace

Lydia Borne may 26/1730 & Baptized By the Reverend Mr Barnabas Taitor ~ ~ ~

Daniel & Obadiah Borne September 26/1731. & Baptized By Mr Taitor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Benjamin Borne January 9/1732 & Baptized By Mr Taitor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Peleg Borne September 21/1734 & Baptized By Mr David Turner of Rehoboth Mr Taitor ^{being} absent

Peleg Departed this Life July 23/1736 a Friday betwene 8 & 9 o'clock in the forenoon. & buried in the upper Burialling Place By his grandfather Belamy Bosworth

Peleg the second Borne October 12/1737 a Saturday night were nine o'clock ~ ~ ~
& Baptized By Mr Taitor 23 day of said month ~ ~ ~
& Departed this Life October 7/10 about 9 o'clock at night ~ ~ ~ ^{upper place}

Peleg the second Departed this Life a Thursday it being the 10 of October 1738
& was Buried at the upper Burialling place by his Brother Peleg the first.

over her Sister Lydia Departed this Life a Wednesday 9th of December 1738 about 8 o'clock
in the evening & Buried By her two Brothers viz the two Beligs she being in her ninth year
my Honard Mother Dyed at my house April 10/1740 in 74 year of her age

My Brother Benjamin Bosworth Died October 5/40 In the 49 year of his age

My Son Ebenezer Departed this Life in Surinam December 7th 1741 In the 18 year of his Age
My Friendman Ebenezer Papillion Sailed out of Boston bound for London
at the End of the year 1734 on the beginning of the year 1735. & then went from
England bound for Norway, as we heard & was Lost & never returned home

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CHILD

of John and Bridget (Bosworth) Papillion

251 i—EBENEZER⁵ PAPILLION, b. in Bristol, Apr. 13, 1712.

Of this son, who apparently went with his mother to Boston, I find the following account on a very old paper of records written by Nathaniel Bosworth, brother of Bridget.*

“My Kinsman Ebenezer Papillion sailed out of Boston bound for London at the end of the year 1734 or in the beginning of 1735 & then went from England bound for Norway, as we heard & was Lost & never returned home.” (See illustration.)

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BENJAMIN⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), June 26, 1689; died in Bristol, Oct. 13, 1740; married in Bristol, RUTH LOWDER, intention published Dec. 20, 1718; she died in Bristol, Jan. 19, 1758. (No record of birth or parentage of Ruth have been found although diligent search has been made.)

On Jan. 10, 1714, Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol “yeoman (son of Bellamy)”§, exchanged “Two commonages Nos. 34 & 35 with Benjamin Jones† for two other lots of Commonage Nos. 71 & 72”.

Jan. 10, 1714-15, Benjamin, called “Husbandman”, sold three lots of commonage each containing four acres.

Feb. 13, 1716, Benjamin mortgaged 8 acres with the buildings (probably his home), to certain Commissioners, Nathaniel Paine and four others, appointed by the General Court “for emitting the sum of One Hundred Thousand pounds”‡, for £26:4s, “In the third year of the Reign of George” &c. This was to be paid in ten years in annual installments. Nathaniel Bos-

* This paper was sent me by Mrs. Ellen Metcalf Bosworth of Cleveland, Ohio, widow of Alfred, and grandmother of Alfred Bosworth Focke of Cleveland, a member of the Bosworth Association. The compiler is grateful to Mrs. Bosworth for her kindness in this as well as other matters. A reproduction of this old paper is given. (See No. 116.)

§He was so called to distinguish him from other Benjamin Bosworths living at that time in Bristol.

†See No. 16.

‡Many of the inhabitants mortgaged their places at this time to these same Commissioners. It must have been a plan by the government to help a special need.

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worth (probably the brother of Benjamin), and Nicholas Peck were witnesses. The mortgage was discharged Oct. 16, 1726.

(Taunton Deeds, Bk. 11, p. 253)

Apr. 21, 1718 Benjamin sold several "parcels of land and meadow" for 334 pounds, to "John Bosworth Jun^r. and Brothers Benjamin and Edward Bosworth all of Bristol". (These men were Benjamin's cousins, sons of his Uncle John). One parcel was 14 acres of upland "bounded on the north by land of Edward Bosworth of Bristol yeoman", and another of 7 acres "on the river that runs up to that part of Swanzey called Kickemuet".
(Taunton Deeds 12-71)

Feb. 5, 1721, Benjamin sold an acre of salt meadow adjoining Kickemuet River, also on two sides meadow belonging to "John Bosworth, Benjamin and Edward Bosworth sons of John Bosworth of Bristol", and by meadow of "Mr. Edward Bosworth of Bristol".
(Taunton Deeds 17-563)

Feb. 13, 1722, Benjamin Bosworth, "Jr.", (as he was then called)* yeoman, and Ruth his wife, again mortgaged land to the Commissioners, 20 acres for £80. This land was on a corner, bounded W. and N. by highways.
(Taunton Deeds 15-173)

Dec. 22, 1722. In a deed of this date given by Edward Bosworth to his brother John of Bristol, he says that the land "was purchased by my said Brother John Bosworth & my Brother Benjamin Bosworth & myself as by a deed under the hand & seale of *my Cousin* Benja^a. Bosworth", dated Apr. 21, 1718. One piece of land of 14 acres included in the purchase was bounded N. and E. by highways and S. by land "belonging to *my Uncle* Edward† Bosworth"

Jan. 1, 1722/3 Benjamin Bosworth "yeoman, son of Bellamy Bosworth Deceased" bought 40 acres of land of Dan Throope, for £550, situated "at the south end of my farm in Bristol . . . bounded on the east and west by Highways and south by land of the sd Benjamin Bosworth and on the north by part of my sd farm by me sold to Edward Bosworth, Jun^r."
(Taunton Deeds 15-417)

Mar. 5, 1722/3 Benjamin Bosworth "Jun^r." of Bristol, yeoman, sold 20 acres to his brother Nathaniel Bosworth, cooper.
(Taunton Deeds 19-445)

Benjamin⁴ Bosworth died Oct. 13, 1740, and on Dec. 16th following, his widow Ruth was appointed Admx. on his estate and gave bonds with "Nathaniel Bosworth gentleman" (her husband's brother), and Joseph Wadsworth, cordwainer. The following is the inventory on his estate.

*Why he should be called "Jr." at this time is beyond the compiler to state, for there does not seem to have been any Benjamin in Bristol older than he; in fact the only Benjamin Bosworth was Benjamin⁴ (No. 88), but he was probably not living anywhere near Bristol

†His "Uncle Edward" was Edward³ (No. 27), son of Deacon Nathaniel.

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An Inventory of the Estate of Mr Benja^a Bosworth Late of Bristol Deceased

Taken upon oath by us The Subscriber Nov^r. 15, 1740

To his wearing apparel.....	30	05	0
1 bed under bed bolster three pillows quilts blankets sheets..	40	00	0
1 Looking glass 50s./ Ditto 15/ five towels 15/ two ditto 4/ 2 tablecloths 10/.....	04	14	0
two pillow cases 5s./ two pr. Sheets 6£/ four pr ditto 7£/10 stand 10/.....	14	05	0
1 pr. Sheets 30/ towel 1/6 ^d flannel cloth 15/ pewter 12£/15....	15	01	6
hand Saw & Sword 10/ tin funnel & pepper box 3/ two bell- metle Skillets 3£/.....	03	13	0
Stilliard 20/ quart pot 6/ Stone Jugg 5/ two ditto 5/ Spoon mould 10/.....	02	06	0
buttertub 3/ eightcasebottles 24/ Pestle&morter 4/ Earth ⁿ pot 1/	01	12	0
two Earth ⁿ dishes&fourplates 16/ brasskettle 6£/ dutchwheel 30/	08	06	0
1 old Chest 4/ 2 Trays 7/ Longtable 20/ one ditto 10/ ditto 5/	02	06	0
Spinning wheel 15/ Eleven Chairs 40/ worsted in Scain 25/....	4	0	0
Cotton yarn 10/ tow ditto 6/ wool ditto 3/ hand Irons 25/ brass kettle 4£/.....	6	4	0
two Tramel 30/ gunn 4£/10s./ Sickle 2/ ax 4/ basket & flax 6/	6	12	0
Molasses & Cask 5£/ three pr Card. 20/ Cotton wool and basket 5/.....	6	5	0
basket 1s./ 3 keelers 7/6 ^d bag & rope 5/ meat tub 10s./ wash tub 2/.....	1	5	6
Pan Pitcher & bottles 4/ Piggin 1/6 two Cheesfats 5/ four iron wedges 5/.....	0	15	6
Earthen pot 1/6 basket 1/ Chest 15/ baskets & brush 4/ wal- nut tables 5£/.....-	6	1	6
Looking glass 40/ Chest Drawers 7£/ Seven beaker glasses 10/	9	10	0
five Chairs 30/ Trunk 5/ bed bolster coverlid 2 blankets pr sheets bedstead 20/.....	2	15	0
Chest 10/ worsted 10/ basket 1/6 glass bottle 6/ basket & bottles 3/.....	1	10	6
one bed & two bags feathers 15£/ bed bedstead and bed Cloths 20£/.....	35	0	0
five bannestur back Chairs 50s./ Large Bible 50/ Burkits Exposition 3£/.....	8	0	0
Bible & psalm book 10s./ Sermon book 5/ Small Bible 5/ Decanter 6/.....	1	06	0
five yds Cloth 37/ twelve yds ditto 3£/18 tow Cloth 10/ warm- ing pan 40/.....	8	03	0
hand Irons 20/ fire Shovel & tongs 26/ Sheep Shears 5/ Earth ⁿ - ware 5s./.....	2	16	0
tin box 10/ Grid Iron 15/ two Candle Stiks 3/ glass & Earth ⁿ - ware 12/.....	2	0	0
Stocking yarn 10/ thirteen Cows & one heifer at 10£ pr head.	140	10	0

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Eight young Cattle at 6£/ one yoke oxen 35£/ Seven Calves at 50s./	100	10	0
one Sow & five Pigs 9£/ Six pigs at 12s./ ten Swine at 5£/ ...	62	12	0
horse 20£/ two yoke fat oxen 95£/ one pr Steers & two heifers 52£/	167	0	0
Butter and tubs 10£/ negro man, woman and two Children 250£/	260	0	0
Cheese 19£/2s. butter 53s./ yard garlix 7s./ Candles 15/ Corn 12/	023	9	0
flax & baskets 5£/8s. Cart & yokes 12£/ two Chains 35/ ..	019	03	0
fifteen yards Cloth 11£/5 gold ring 33/ two Shovels 10/ two Plows 50/	015	18	0
Saddle & bridle 30/ horse Traps Coller &c 40/ two pitch forks 10/	004	0	0
two half bushels 6/ Sives 8/ Sheep Skins 12/ Cheese Presses 3£1/	004	6	0
2 Iron bars 40/ Iron pot & hooks 20/ three keelers 7/6	003	7	6
Spitts & frying pan 20/ tubs & old Cask 50s./ two ropes 30/ meat trough 12/	005	12	0
four Rakes 10/ frame for a Screen 20/ flax seed 8/ old Iron 4/	002	02	0
beans 20/ Sheeps wool 20/ Siths and sneed 25/ malt 16/ grindstone 10/	004	11	0
130 Sheep 95£/ Eighty bushel barley 32£ ' ten ditto of Rice 4/10	131	10	0
flax not broke 40/ one Stack oats 10£/ twenty bushel wheat 12£/	024	0	0
forty two ton hay at 5£ pr ton 210/ 150£/13 in bills of Credit	360	13	0
Plate 18£/ Quilting frame 8s./ break 5s./ 150 bushel Indian Corn 60£/	78	13	0
120 acres of Land in ye farm at 26£/	3120	00	0
23 ditto bot. of Capt. Lawton at 24£/	0552	00	0
one Common Lot	0060	00	0
House and Home Stead	1100	00	0
	6483	09	0
1 Silver Porringer	0011	00	0
	6494	09	0
to woollen yarn 12/ twenty one yards of blanketing 7£/8. ...	0008	00	0
	6502	09	0

The Appraisers
were Sworn

Thomas Lawton

Joseph Russell

William Munro Junr

Bristol ss Aprill ye 21 1741

Then Before the Hon^{ll} Nathaniel Blagrove Esqr Judge of the Probate of
wills &c within the County of Bristol came Ruth Bosworth widdow and
Administratrix to the Estate of Mr. Benjamin Bosworth Late of Bristol
Deceased and made oath that this Inventory Contains the Whole of that
Estate the said Deceased Dyed Seized of and is Come to her Knowledge

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and When she Knows of any more she will Reveal the Same that it may be of Record herewith

Jurat Coram N: Blagrove

Stephen Paine Register—

Some years later the following was presented at court by William, the youngest son.

“To the Hon^{bl} Nathaniel Hubbard Esq. Judge of Probate . . . the Humble Petition of William Bosworth of Bristol son of Mr. Benjamin Bosworth Late of Bristol . deceased Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner Being in the Twentyeth first year of his Age and by Law Qualified to Choose his Guardian has made Choice of His Honored Mother Ruth Bosworth to be His Guardian Which I Pray your Honour to Allow and So In Duty Bound shall Ever Pray. William Bosworth
Bristol february ye 23^d 1744.”

On Dec. 2, 1746 an agreement was made between Ruth Bosworth, widow of Benjamin, “late of Bristol”, and Samuel Bosworth, William Bosworth and Ruth Church, children and heirs of said Benjamin, whereby the widow releases unto the children, all her right of dower in the property on consideration that the three children bind themselves to pay her an annuity during her life of whatever sum the Court shall decide as just, “that so there may be a Division of the whole of the sd estate to and among the sd children that is to say Two Shares Thereof to the sd Samuel Bosworth and one equal share to each of them the said William and Ruth.”

“2^{ly} That all the said real estate of the said deceased whereof he died Seized shall be Enjoyed Possessed & Improved in Severalty by the said Samuel Bosworth—William Bosworth and Ruth Church their heirs or assigns in proportion according to the Law of the province abovesd for the Distribution of Intestate Estates that is to say a Double Share or the full moiety or half part thereof to be set off to and enjoyed by the said Samuel the eldest Son of ye sd Dec^d. and one Share or quarter part thereof . . . by the sd William Bosworth & the other share or quarter part thereof . . . by the said Ruth Church.”

“3^{ly} . . . the whole of sd Real Estate shall be divided & set off . . . Vizt Two Shares . to Sam^{ll}. the Eldest Son and one Single Share . to each of the said William and Ruth.”

“5^{ly} That whosoever Shall have the Homestead or that part of it where the House Stands Shall give a lease to the sd Ruth Bosworth of the west Lower Room in said House with the bedroom and Two Butteries or Small Rooms thereto adjoining with free Liberty of passing into the Kitchen and of Baking in the oven there and of passing to the well to fetch water and also of passing out at the fore door of the House and through the foreyard to the Highway and of Laying firewood for her use in the fore yard and all that part of the Garden to the South of the House that lies to the westward of the Middle of the Alley Between Two Rows of Bushes running from the Gate Southerly with Liberty of putting Same and Liquor for her use into

the Cellar and taking it out as occasion Shall be and what the said pre-
mises shall be Deemed . . . to be a sufficient Rent for the same Shall
be allowed and abated out of the Sum to be paid her the said Ruth Bos-
worth as an annuity or yearly payment for the Same." This was signed by
Ruth, the widow, who made her mark, and each of the three children who
wrote their names. One of the three men appointed to make the division
was Capt. Jonathan Peck. Samuel Howland, Town Clerk was one of the
witnesses.

NOTE: While the above paper was executed before Bristol became a
part of Rhode Island in 1747, it probably was not recorded until afterward,
for this is found at Bristol, Bk. 1, p. 27.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁴ and Ruth (Lowder) Bosworth
born in Bristol

- 252 + i—RUTH⁵ b. Sept. 7, 1721 ("on a Thursday about 6 in ye even-
ing."); m. (1) Nathaniel CHURCH, (2) Shearjashub BOURNE;
d. Jan. 28, 1793.
- 253 + ii—SAMUEL⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1722/3 ("on a Sabbath about Eleven at
night"); m Elizabeth PECK; d. Aug. 8, 1761.
- 254 + iii—WILLIAM⁵ b. Sept. 5, 1724 ("a Wednesday about 6 at night");
m. Mary FALES: d. Nov. 15, 1808.

These children were baptized in the "Church of Christ", Bristol by Rev.
Nathaniel Cotton.

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ESTHER⁴ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Bellamy³ (*Nathan-
thaniel² Edward¹*) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass.
(now R. I.), Jan. 7, 1692-3; died in Bristol Jan. 20, 1731-2;
married OBADIAH PAPILLION*, youngest son of Peter and
Joan Papillion, born in Bristol, May 19, 1692; died in South
Carolina, news of his death reached Bristol, Jan. 13, 1760.

After the death of Esther (often written Hester), Obadiah
married (2) Abigail Carpenter, intention published Feb. 16,
1735. They had one child, Esther, born Sept. 18, 1738. On
Oct. 24, 1749, Obadiah Papillion gave a power of attorney to
his wife Abigail, and as such she sold land that he had in the

*This name is spelled on the Boston records "Papillaus", and according to Savage, is
a Huguenot name.

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“Division of the real Estate of his honour^d Father Peter Papillion Dec^d.” Feb. 27, 1755. In February 1756, Obadiah and family were living in part of the house belonging to the estate of Benjamin Bosworth who married Ruth Lowder (No. 114). Benjamin was a brother of Esther (or Hester), his first wife.

CHILDREN

of Obadiah and Esther (Bosworth) Papillion
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- 255 i—HESTER PAPILLION, b. Oct. 17, 1717; d. Jan. 20, 1731-2.
- 256 ii—JOHN PAPILLION, b. Apr. 8, 1718; d. at Newport, R. I. Oct. 28, 1740. On Sept. 22, 1740 the int. of mar. between John and his second cousin Rebecca Bosworth, dau. of Nathaniel⁴ (No. 121), was published in Bristol, but a month later John died and Rebecca m. Samuel, his next younger brother. Hester and John were bap. in the Church of Christ, Bristol, Oct. 22, 1721.
- 257 iii—SAMUEL PAPILLION, b. Nov. 25, 1721; d. at Jamaica, West Indies, Feb. 24, 1745; m. at Bristol, by Rev. John Usher, July 3, 1743, Rebecca, dau. of Nathaniel⁴ and Sarah (Wardwell) Bosworth. Samuel was bap. Nov. 26, 1721.
- 258 iv—MARY PAPILLION, b. Nov. 3, 1724; prob. d. y. as she is not mentioned in her grandmother's will, which names the three sons.
- 259 v—PETER PAPILLION, b. Mar. 27, 1727; d. at sea in 1746.

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NATHANIEL⁴ BOSWORTH, second son of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Mar. 3, 1693/4; died at Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 17, 1745; married (1) at Bristol, Oct. 26, 1714, Lydia CORNISH, daughter of James. She died in Bristol, Mar. 15, 1726, in the 32nd year of her age; Nathaniel married (2) at Newport, R. I., Sept. 15, 1727, by Job Layton, Mrs. Elizabeth (LAITT or LAYTON), widow of Christopher Lindsay of Newport, the intention having been published at Bristol, Aug. 18, 1727. She died at Bristol, Dec. 7, 1751.

Nathaniel was by trade a cooper, so called in his deeds, as also "gentleman" and later termed "Captain." The first time Nathaniel appears on the land records was on Feb. 13, 1716, when at the age of twenty-one he was witness to a mortgage made by his brother Benjamin (No. 114). On the will of Edward Wilcox of Tiverton, R. I., probated *June 2, 1718*, Nathaniel's name appears as a witness. On *Feb. 13, 1723*, Nathaniel and wife Lydia, mortgage their property to the Government Commissioners told of in his brother Benjamin's history. The mortgage was discharged in March 1733/4. In signing the mortgage Lydia made "her mark", which was an L. (Taunton Deeds, 16-28)

May 25, 1722, Nathaniel, for £38, bought a lot in Bristol, 30 ft. wide, bounded E. by Hope St., S. by a cross street called "Joneses Land", W. by Thames St. It was part of the estate of Tristram Bowerman, set out to his son Samuel. (Taunton Deeds, 15-120)

May 13, 1723, Nathaniel, a "cooper," for £135, sold a 10 a. lot in Bristol to Nathaniel Paine, which adjoined land of Nathaniel Byfield. His brother Benjamin (No. 114), one of the witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 15-181)

Jan. 16, 1724/5, Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, cooper, for £20, sold to Elisha May, the ninth part of the estate of Tristram Bowerman, that was set out to his daughter Sarah, wife of John Dyre. Nathaniel had bought this land the same day of John and Sarah, for £18.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-556 & 16-125)

On the same date, Elisha May and wife Hannah, another daughter of Tristram Bowerman, sold to Nathaniel their one-ninth part of her father's estate, for £25. (Taunton Deeds, 16-130)

Sept. 8, 1726, Nathaniel again sold land and his mother Mary Bosworth, who was living in his home at the time, was one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-141)

Aug. 20, 1730, Benj. and Abigail Ellery of Newport, R. I. for £260, deed to Nathaniel, 10 a. of land in Bristol, bounded N. and E. on land of Benjamin Bosworth (probably his brother), S. on land of Benjamin Cary which he bought of Edward Bosworth. (Taunton Deeds, 20-49)

Aug. 26, 1730, Capt. Shobael Baxter of Yarmouth, county of Barnstable, for £120, deeds to Nathaniel 5 a. of land in Bristol.

(Taunton Deeds, 20-29)

Aug. 28, 1730, Charles Church of Bristol, for £141, deeds to Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, cooper, 5 a. of land in Bristol. His brother Benjamin was again a witness. (Taunton Deeds, 20-47)

Aug. 28, 1730, Nathaniel, for £260 deeds to Benjamin Ellery of Newport, 10 a. of land in Bristol, formerly belonging to Jabez Gorham late of Bristol deceased, adjoined land of Benjamin Gorham. Benja. Wardall and Edward

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Ingraham, witnesses. (Benja's name may have been Wardwell.) This deed was signed by Elizabeth, Nathaniel's second wife who wrote her name.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-373)

Previous to this time Nathaniel was called a "cooper," but on *April 4, 1736* when he bought land in Bristol of John and Nathaniel Sparhawk of Boston, "sons of the Rev. Mr. John Sparhawk late of Bristol Deceased," he is called "Captain." By reference to his Military Records it will be seen that he was commissioned captain in 1732. The land was 10 a. "lying Westerly on a Highway called Wood Street," and adjoined land "this day sold to Jeremiah Phinney Jun:." Price paid £553.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-72)

May 15, 1736, Jeremiah Finney, Jr. of Bristol, for £280, deeds to Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth, 10 a. of land bought of John and Nath. Sparhawk, which joined the above land. Signed by Jeremiah and Elizabeth his wife.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-184)

March 29, 1738, Nathaniel sells to Thomas Green, for £20, "in Bills of public Credit . . . all my sixth part of one quarter acre of Land in Bristol . . . which lately belonged to James Cary of Newport and by him was sold to the said Thomas Green & Con^{ll}. Church Mr. Joseph Russell and myself by deed dated the second day of April A.D. 1735." This was signed by Nathaniel and second wife, Elizabeth.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-353)

Oct. 1, 1740, Sarah Norton of Bristol, widow, for £100, deeds to Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol "Gentleman," one third part of "a certain parcel of Land Beach and Flatts . . . in Bristol . . . with one third part of the Wharfe & Warehouse thereon Standing . . . (called the Long warehouse) which lately belonged to my hon^d Father Simon Davis Esq^r. late of Bristol . . . Deceased . . . the sd Land Beach and Flatts is bounded Easterly on Hope Street . . . Southerly on Charles Street and Westerly on Ship Channell" etc.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-451)

Simon Davis
Nathaniel Bosworth } Witnesses.

NOTE: This Nathaniel, who was a witness to the above deed, was probably Capt. Nathaniel's son Nathaniel, who was 24 years of age at the time, but it may have been his cousin Nathaniel, son of John. (No. 121).

Nov. 14, 1740, Thomas Green of Bristol, for £700, deeds to Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, "Gentleman," the one half part of one quarter acre of land in Bristol, "with the Beach or Water Privilege," it having been previously sold to Thomas Green, Nathaniel Bosworth, Joseph Russell and Charles Church by James Cary of Newport, April 2, 1735. Signed by Thomas and Elizabeth Green; Jeremiah Finney, Jr. a witness.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-458)

NOTE: As there were two Nathaniel Bosworths of nearly the same age living in Bristol at the same time, this one and his cousin Nathaniel (No. 121), the compiler was in doubt at first as to which Nathaniel it was that bought the above property, but the fact that Capt. Nathaniel's son, Daniel, sold this land July 6, 1753, is proof that it was Capt. Nathaniel who bought it.

Capt. Nathaniel's mother died at his home, April 30, 1740, and Nathaniel settled her estate, June 17, 1740. (See Bellamy's history, Part II, p. 214).

It appears that Capt. Nathaniel had at least one slave, for in a list of "Deaths in Bristol," kept "by Mr. John Wight and delivered to the Town Clerk," it is recorded that on Aug. 1, 1735 Nathaniel Bosworth's negro man died.

MILITARY RECORDS

As will be seen by accompanying photographs of Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth's commissions, he seems to have received the first one in 1732, in "the sixth year of King George II," when he was made a lieutenant in a company of foot soldiers (infantry), under the command of Col. Charles Church. Twelve years later, on Feb. 6, 1744, Nathaniel was commissioned as Captain-Lieutenant in the Sixth Mass. regt., 1st company, under command of Col. Sylvester Richmond Esqr. to go on "an expedition against the french Settlements on Cape Breton." (See photograph of commission.)

In the *Military Records of Mass.*, vol. 72, p. 760, we find, "Amount of the first muster Rolls in the Expedition to Cape Breton as made up and paid by Order of the General Assembly of the Massachusetts Province. The several Companies."

Capt. Bosworth's No. of men 68. Time of entry into service Feb. 6 [1744/5]. Time to which the roll is made up September 30.

Approved by His Excellency Wm. Shirley Esqr., Captain General and Governor in Chief. Dated, Boston, Oct. 12, 1747.

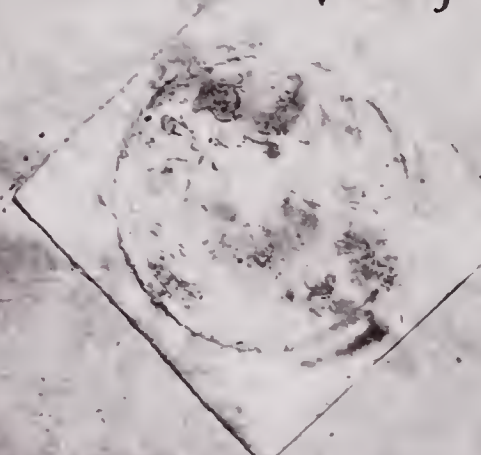
(This record may also be found in the N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 24, p. 373, under "Louisbourg Soldiers", which says he was Capt. Lieut. of the 1st company, and in vol. 25, p. 259, under Sixth Mass. Regt., Col. Sylvester Richmond, 1st Company, Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth.)

Seven days later, or it may have been a year and seven days if the double date is omitted as it no doubt is, on Feb. 13, 1744, Nathaniel was made an Ensign of the 6th company, in the 7th Mass. Regt. under command of Col. Schubael Gorham.

(N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 24, p. 374)

The N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 25, p. 260, says: "Nathaniel Bosworth was an ensign in the 6th co. 7th Mass. Regt. in "the memorable expedition against Louisbourg in 1745."

Province of the
Massachusetts-Bay }



JOHN A
Captain General
in Chief in
of the Massat

To



Y Virtue of
Me Granted
Massachusetts
Confidence in
you the said
the Town
Charles Chubb
the County of

You are therefore carefully & to
in Leading, Ordering and Exercising
Soldiers ; and to keep them in good
as their *Lieutenant*
you shall from time to time receive
your Superiour Officers, for
Pursuant to the Trust Reposed in

By His Excellency's
Command,

W. Willard Bony

W^{AN} BELCHER Esq;
G^{al} & GOVERNOUR
over His Majesties Province
of the Bay in New-England, &c.

And Besworth Gentleman Greeting.

and Authority, in and by His Majesties Royal Commission to
Captain General, &c. over the His Majesties Province of the
said : I do (by these Presents) Reposing especial Trust and
loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, Constitute and Appoint
Besworth to be Lieutenant of the foot Company in
under the Command of
in the first Regiment of Militia within
whereof the said Charles Church Esq. is Colonel
to discharge the Duty of a Lieutenant
Company in Arms, both Inferiour Officers and
and Discipline ; hereby Commanding them to Obey you
or Self to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions, as
Me, or the Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or Other
ties Service, according to Military Rules and Discipline,

Under My Hand and Seal at Arms at Boston, the twenty fifth Day of
In the fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty KING
R. G. E. the Second. Annoque Domini, 1732.

J. Belcher

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On Feb. 18, 1744 (or 1745 if double dated) Nathaniel was commissioned a Captain. (See reproduction of his commission.)

The following was copied in the Boston State House from a manuscript copy of papers in England, made on paper stamped with the seal of the "Public Record Office, England. Certified to 25 Jan. 1898"; also, "Certified at the Foreign Office as bearing the seal of the Public Record Office, England." London, Feb. 9, 1898.

Feb. 6, 1744. "A Registry of the Commissions in the Army under the command of the Hon.. W. Pepperell Esq^r for an Expedition against the french Settlements on Cape Breton."

At the top of p. 12: "Commissions in the Sixth Mass. Regt. whereof Sylvester Richmond, Jr. Esq^r. is Col.:"

"Nath. Bosworth, Capt. Lt., 1st company. Commissioned Febr^y 6th 1744."

On p. 15, "Nathl. Bosworth, Ensign, 6th company, 7th Mass. Reg. Col. Schubel Gorham. Commissioned Feb. 13, 1744."

Nov. 19, 1746. Capt. Bosworth appears on a roll of Capt's and Col's who reported an "accompt of the Wages and Subsistance of the Forces retained in the Garrison in his majestys Service at Louisbourg." Dated Province of Mass. Bay—19th Nov., 1746. 51 men, Feb. 18,—time of entering service,—to Sept. 30.

(Mass. Military Records, vol. 72, p. 732)

NOTE: As the date of the above is later than the death of Capt. Nathaniel, it is not possible to say with certainty that it refers to him, but as the time of entering the service is stated as Feb. 18th, which agrees with his records, it probably does. It may be simply a resume of the amounts paid out for the expedition.

Before starting for Canada on this expedition in the spring of 1744/5, Nathaniel made his will, which is on file at Tauton and is as follows:

Will of Capt. Nath. Bosworth—Bristol.

In the Name of God Amen.

The Fifth Day of March Anno Domini 1744 I Nathaniell Bosworth of Bristol in the County of Bristol in Newengland Gent^l being upon a Design of an Expedition against the Enemy and Calling to mind my mortality and that it is appointed for men once to die do make this my Last will & Testament In the following manner that is to say Principally and first of all I giue and Recommend my soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Decently buried hoping for the Pardon of all my sins for the sake of Jesus Christ my only redeemer and a Resurrection to Eternal Life by the Power of almighty God: And as to my worldly Estate I giue and Bequeath it in the following manner

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Imprs my will is that my Just Debts and funerall Charges be duly paid by my Executor herein after named.

Item. I giue to my Eldest Son Bellomy Bosworth Fiue pounds in Bills of publick Credit of the old Tener having Done Considerable for him already—

Item. I giue to my son Nathaniel Bosworth fiue Pounds old Tenor which I count a sufficient part of my estate with what I have already done for him.

Item. I giue to my Daughter Bridget Phillips fiue pounds having also done considerable for her (said fiue pounds in old Tenor)

Item. I giue and Release to my son in Law Michael Phillips all that is due from him to myself By Book bond or any other way.

Item. I giue to my Daughter Ann Bosworth Fifty Pounds in Bills of Credit of the old Tenor or the worth of it in household goods according to Inventory which she shall Choose That is to say to be at her Election whether in Bills or household goods.

Item. I giue to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bosworth One Third Part of all the rest of my moveable or personal Estate Indoor or without after the payment of what is already mentioned (wholly at her Dispose)

Item. I giue to my said wife the Improvement Benefit or Income of One Moiety or half part of all my Real Estate (whether housing Lands or meadows) During the Term or Time of her natural Life.

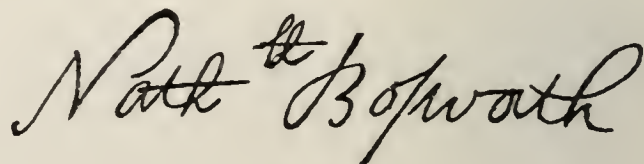
Item. I giue and Bequeath to my Three Sons Daniel Obadiah and Benjamin and my Two Daughters Ann and Elizabeth the other Two thirds of my personall Estate and the other moiety or half part of my Real Estate to be Equally Divided among them or those that shall Legally Represent them and to be to them their heirs or assigns forever

Also I giue to my sd Two Daughters Ann & Elizabeth & my said three sons Daniel Obadiah & Benja and their heirs or assigns that half of my Real Estate after my wifes Decease which she is to have the Improvement of During her naturall Life as aforesd

And I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my Friend Joseph Russell of Bristol Esqr. Executor of this my Last will hereby Revoking & Disanulling all former wills and Executors by me made and Ratifying this and no other to be my Last will & Testament as Witness my hand & seal hereto set the Day & year first within written.

Signed Sealed published & Declared by the said Nath^l Bosworth to be his Last will & Testament In presence of us witnesses

Sam^l Howland
Nathael Cary
Sam^l Bosworth



The reduction of Louisbourg ended June 17, 1745, but according to the report made Nov. 19, 1746 (given in Mili-

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tary Records), some of the forces were "retained in the Garrison . . . at Louisbourg." Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth, on his way home from the reduction of Louisbourg, died at Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 17, 1745 and was buried there. It appears that Nathaniel left for home because of illness, but did not live to reach there; and from the fact of his being buried at Attleboro and his body not brought home to Bristol, it would seem that he died from some contagious disease. Four days after his death, about the time the sad news reached Bristol, his daughter Anne, a young lady of twenty-four years, died. Whether her death had any relation to that of her father there is nothing to show, but it appears as if it might. Her brother, Bellamy Bosworth, was appointed to administer on her estate.

Sept. 18, 1745, "Bellomy Bosworth gentleman" and two others "mariners all of Bristol . . . gave bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty as Adm. on the Est. of Ann Bosworth late of Bristol."

Oct. 14, 1745, "Daniel and Obediah Bosworth, minors above the age of fourteen years, sons of Nathaniel Bosworth Late of Bristol (Gentleman) deceased petitioned the Court that Capt. Nathaniel Pearse of Bristol be appointed their Guardian. Petition granted and Nathaniel Pearse gentleman Joseph Russell Esq. and John Busshe Blacksmith gave bonds to the Court."

These boys were just past fourteen and it was necessary that they have a guardian as they were to share not only in the estate of their father, but also in that of their half-sister Anne. There was one other younger son living, Benjamin, but he being under fourteen it is probable his mother was his natural guardian.

April 21, 1747, the account of Bellamy Bosworth as Adm. on the Est. of "his sister Anne Bosworth late of Bristol deceased" was accepted. He charged himself with—

	£	s.	d.
"The amount of the Inventory	159	0	6
Received of Joseph Russell Esq., a Legacy given by my Fathers will to Ann Bosworth	50	0	0
Total	209	0	6
Among the credits were the following:			
"to funeral Charges	12	5	3
"to a pair of Grave Stones	5	0	0

"to one Journey from Marthas Vineyard in order to Bring in the Inventory & divide the Estate—to my time ten days £5 My expenses £5 Horse hire £5				15.. 0.. 0
"Paid to Michael Phillips and Bridget his wife				19.. 8.. 0
Paid to Nathaniel Bosworth				19.. 8.. 0
Paid to Elizabeth Bosworth				19.. 8.. 0
To Nathaniel Pearse Guardian of Daniel and Obadiah Bosworth				38..16.. 0"

Sept. 19, 1747, "ye widow Elizabeth Bosworth put in a Petition praying that her part of the Real Estate of her Late husband Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth deceased might be set off to her that she may have the Improvement thereof in Severalty which was Lodged for further Consideration."

July 2, 1750, 'Belomy Bosworth of Bristol Gentleman" granted adm. "on the personal Estate of Nathaniel Bosworth Late of said Bristol Physician Deceased." This was Bellamy's brother who had died, according to the records "in Hispaniola", April 10, 1750

Of Lydia, the first wife of Capt. Nathaniel, the record says: "Dyed very Suddenly on the 11th Day of May [1726] in the morning Early."

The second wife, Elizabeth, was the widow of Christopher Lindsey of Newport, R. I. As to her maiden name it seems difficult to discover. It was either "Laitt" or "Layton" and the compiler is inclined to think it was the latter, as Nathaniel and she were married by a Job Layton who was probably a Justice of the Peace. The intention published in Bristol reads:

Aug. 18, 1727, "The intention of marriage between Nathaniel Bosworth Cooper and Elizabeth Lindsey of Newport widow were entered."

Elizabeth had at least one son at this time, who was named Christopher from her husband. Elizabeth died six years after her husband, on *Dec. 7, 1751*.

Jan. 6, 1752, "Appeared in Council Nathaniel Pearse of said Bristol Esqr. and Prayed he might have administration granted him on the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Bosworth Late of Bristol aforesd widow Deceased Intestate and it appearing to said Council that Christopher Lindsey (the Eldest Son of said Intestate who is by Law Entitled to administration on said Estate) Refused to accept thereof the said Council do grant the said Nathaniel Pearse administration on said Estate."

July 6, 1753, Daniel Bosworth "of Newport Hatter", sold to Gamaliel Clark of Bristol "one Certain piece of Land with the Beach & flats together with the building and wharff thereon standing", that "was Late the

Province of the
Massachusetts-Bay,

W I L
Captain-General
over His Majesty's
Bay in New

To Nathaniel



Y virtue of the Power
granted; I do (by these
Loyalty, Courage and
Bosworth to
of Sylvester Richmond, Esq
Part of the Forces raised
Forces William, Appen

You are therefore to lead, order and
infer our Officers and Soldiers, keeping
them to obey you as their *Captain*
Fidelity against His Majesty's Enemies
Orders and Directions, as you shall find
in Chief of the said Expedition, or other
and Discipline of War, pursuant to the

Given under My
Day of *July*
Sovereign Lt

By His Excellency's
Command,

William Douglass

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AM SHIRLEY, Esq;

and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and
His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-*
England, &c.

Bosworth Gentleman Greeting.

Authority, in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to Me
ts) reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your
conduct, constitute and appoint You the said *Nathaniel*
Main Lieutenant of the Company under the Command
Regiment whereof P. Sylvester Richmond is Colonel being
this Province for an Expedition to Cape Breton, of which
is appointed Commander in Chief

the said Company in Arms both
in good Order and Discipline; hereby commanding
tenant and with them to do and execute all Acts of
and others; and you are to observe and follow such
to time receive from Myself or from the Commander
superiour Officer in the Field, according to the Rules
reposed in you.

Seal at Arms, at Bolton, the 10th
In the eighteenth Year of the Reign of Our
GEORGE the Second, Annoq; Domini, 1744

Ray March 18th 1744
appeared and took the
scribed the text and
large Command of the
Mr. Hill } *Conyell*

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Estate of Nathaniel Bosworth Deceased." It was bounded N. on land of Gamaliel Clark, E. and S. by highways and W. "on the Salt water or Ship Channel." This was probably the same property that Nathaniel bought Nov. 14, 1740.

(Bristol Deeds, 1-243)

April 18, 1755, "Belomy Bosworth, Gent.. Obediah Bosworth marriner Thomas Church Cooper and Elizabeth his wife all of Bristol—and Daniel Bosworth Hatter and Benjamin Bosworth Housewright both of Newport" sell to Jere. Ingraham "a Certain part of a Dwelling House and Land where John Ingraham now lives . . . to wit Eight feet in Breadth of the north part of the Cellar extending East & West the whole length of the Cellar being about 23 feet with the Northwest lower Room of the House and Chamber and Garret over it to the Roof with the Roof of the House over the Same—the said Room being 16 feet in length and 14 feet wide with the Chimney to the said Room belonging together with a piece of Land . . . and also one half the Entry way in the said House from the west Door . . . to be Improved in Common by the said Jer. Ingraham . . . with Those that Shall own Improve or Enjoy the other part of sd House for passing and repassing and for building of Stairs up into the Chamber & Garret as they Shall see Cause."

Signed by

Belomy Bosworth and Esther his wife
Obadiah Bosworth and Mary his wife
Benjamin Bosworth
Daniel Bosworth
Thomas Church and Elizabeth Church.

(Bristol Deeds, 2-73)

CHILDREN

of Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth

born in Bristol, Mass. (now. R. I.)

By first wife, Lydia Cornish.

- 260+ i—BRIDGET⁵, b. July 6, 1715; bap. Oct. 10, 1721; d. July 2, 1750; m. Michael Phillips (See Part II, p. 224).
- 261+ ii—BELLAMY⁵, (twin) b. Nov. 26, 1716; bap. Oct 10, 1721, d. Dec. 12, 1786; m. (1) Elizabeth Mayhew; m. (2) Esther Maxfield.
- 262 iii—NATHANIEL⁵ (twin) b. Nov. 26, 1716; bap. Oct. 10, 1721; d. Apr. 10, 1750, aged 33, unm.
- 263 iv—ANNE⁵, b. Mar. 1, 1720/21, bap. Oct. 10, 1721; d. Aug. 21, 1745, aged 24, unm.

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- 264 v—EBENEZER⁵, (twin) b. Feb. 9, 1723; bap. Feb. 16, 1723; d. at Surinam, Dutch Guiana, Dec. 26, 1741, aged 18.*
- 265 vi—LYDIA⁵, (twin) b. Feb. 9, 1723; bap. Feb. 16, 1723; d. Dec. 14, 1729, aged 5 yrs. 10 mo. Buried in Granary Burying Ground, Boston. (Grave-1334). (See Nathaniel Records.)

By second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Layton?) Lindsey.

- 266+ vii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Oct. 10, 1728; d. Jan. 27, 1770; m. Thomas Church.
- 267 viii—LYDIA⁵, b. May 26, 1730; d. Dec. 7 (or 9), 1738.
- 268+ ix—DANIEL⁵, (twin) b. Sept. 26, 1731; d. Sept. 25, 1790; m. Elizabeth Peckham.
- 269+ x—OBADIAH⁵, (twin) b. Sept. 26, 1731; d. previous to Dec. 1767; m. Mary Lawton.
- 270+ xi—BENJAMIN⁵, b. Jan. 9, 1732/3; d. Oct. 18, 1810; m. (1) Mrs. Frances Nichols; (2) Mary Church; (3) Abigail Monroe.
- 271 xii—PELEG⁵, b. Sept. 27, 1734; bap. in the Rehoboth Church, in Nov. 1734; d. July 23, 1736.
- 272 xiii—PELEG⁵, b. Oct. 22, 1737; d. Oct. 10, 1738.

NOTE: The first six of these children were baptized in the "Church of Christ" (Congregational), Bristol, which was organized May 3, 1687, three years before the death of Deacon Nathaniel² Bosworth, who was its first deacon. They were baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, the first four at one time on Oct. 10, 1721, and it is probable the parents had become church members about that time, but the record, if it exists, was not found.

*The Colony of Rhode Island being on the sea coast many of the boys and young men were sailors or fishermen and there was scarcely a family, where there were sons, that did not have some of their number "gone to sea." Besides this, many of the boys and young men seem to have been afflicted with that dread scourge "consumption," and where parents were able they seem to have sent these sons to a milder climate, usually the West Indies and often they did not live to return. These were probably the circumstances in the above case.

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

By His Excellency the GOVERNOUR,

I Do hereby authorize and impower *Capt. Nathan Bosworth*
Bristol to beat his Drums within the Regiment
of Militia, whereof *Sam^r. Willis Esq.* & *George Linard* Esq; is
Colonel, for the enlisting of Voluntiers for His Majesty's
Service, in the intended Expedition against the French of
Cape-Breton; for the Conducting of which Expedition
will^m. Pepper

Esq

Commander in Chief.

And the said Colonel; with the other Officers in the
said Regiment; are hereby commanded not to give the
said *Nathan Bosworth* any Obstruction or Molesta-
tion herein; but on the contrary to afford him all
necessary Encouragement and Assistance, for which this
is a sufficient Warrant.

And the said *Nathan Bosworth* is hereby required
not to suffer this Warrant to go out of his Hands, nor
to give Copies of it to any Person whatsoever; but after
he has made the full Use of it, to make Return thereof
into the Secretary's Office.

Given under my Hand and Seal at BOSTON, the *Eighteenth*
Day of February - 1744. In the Eighteenth Year of
His MAJESTY's Reign.

W. Shirley

AN ORDER GIVING CAPT. NATHANIEL BOSWORTH PERMISSION TO
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MARY⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), July 29, 1701; died ———; married in Boston, Sept. 6, 1727, (int. recorded in Bristol Aug. 21, 1727) JEREMIAH⁴ WHEELWRIGHT, third son of Col. John³ (Col. *Samuel*², Rev. *John*¹) and Mary (Snell) Wheelwright, born in Wells, Me., March 5, 1697/8; died at Portsmouth, N. H. in 1768.

Jeremiah⁴ Wheelwright was a lieutenant in the expedition sent from New England in 1745 for the capture of Louisburg and is said to have served under General Wolfe in Canada.

NOTE: Rev. John¹ Wheelwright, son of Robert (son of John, a yeoman of Mumby, Lincolnshire, England, and wife Elizabeth), and Katherine Wheelwright, was b. in Saleby, Lincolnshire, 1592, and d. at Salisbury, N. H., Nov. 15, 1670. His 1st wife was Marie, dau. of Rev. Thos. Stone, vicar of Bilsby, Lincolnshire, She d. in 1630 and in 1631 he m. Mary, dau. of Edw. Hutchinson of Alford, Lincolnshire. He graduated from Cambridge in 1614, where he was a classmate of Oliver Cromwell. He had a church in Boston, Lincolnshire. He arrived in New England May 26, 1636 and was admitted to the Boston church June 12, 1636. Boston Town Records note that "Our Brother Mr. John Wheelwright shall have an Allottment of 250 acres layd out for him at Mount Woollystone where it may be most convenient." This is dated Feb. 20, 1636 (no doubt O. S., in N. S. 1637), and the land was laid out Apr. 3, 1637.

Col. Samuel² Wheelwright, oldest son of Rev. John and Mary (Hutchinson), was b. in England, 1635. He m. Esther, dau. of Jeremy Houchin of Dorchester, Mass. When 21 years of age he went to Wells, Me. where he d. May 15, 1700.

Col. John³ Wheelwright, the oldest son of Col. Samuel and Esther (Houchin), was b. at Wells, Me. in 1664. He m. Jan. 28, 1689, Mary, dau. of Capt. Geo. Snell, mariner of Portsmouth, N. H. Col. John was Judge of Probate Court and of the Court of Common Pleas in York Co., Me. and was active in military service during the Indian wars. He d. at Wells, May 13, 1745.

CHILD

of Jeremiah⁴ and Mary (Bosworth) WHEELWRIGHT

- 273 i—JEREMIAH⁵ WHEELWRIGHT, b. at Portsmouth, N. H., June 13, 1732; d. Jan. 28, 1778; m. Mary, dau. of Abraham Davis of

Gloucester, Mass., int. filed Aug. 3, 1754. He was a commissary in the expedition to Canada under the command of Benedict Arnold, and died from the effects of exposure in that campaign. The third son of Jeremiah and Mary (Davis) Wheelwright, was Abraham⁶, b. in Gloucester, July 26, 1757; d. April 19, 1852; m. Rebecca, dau. of Joseph Knight of Newbury. They had 11 children. He was a soldier in the Continental army. An interesting account of his services and adventures, written by himself when he was 80 years of age has been preserved. (Much of the above taken from "Old Newbury," Historical and Biographical Sketches, by John J. Currier).

NOTE: Jeremiah⁴ and Mary (Bosworth) Wheelwright may have had daughters, but the compiler did not find the record of any, and Jeremiah⁵ is called their *only* son.

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JOHN⁴ BOSWORTH, JR., eldest son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., about 1682; died in Bristol, R. I., Oct. 24, 1754; married (1) at Hull, Sept. 22, 1707, ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN, perhaps daughter of Henry and Jane Chamberlain,* born 1684; died in Bristol, Nov. 27, 1716, "in her 33rd year"; married (2) in Boston, Oct. 7, 1718, by Rev. Cotton Mather (Presby.) ANNA (or HANNAH), eldest daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Cutler) WILLARD†, born in Sudbury, Mass., May 5, 1686, and widow of TIMOTHY LA FEVRE (or le Favour), to whom she was married at Boston, Aug. 7, 1707. The intention of her

*An Elizabeth Chamberlain, dau. of Henry and Jane, was b. in Hull, Jan. 11, 1671-2. Another Elizabeth, dau. of Nathaniel and Abigail Chamberlain, was born in Hull, June 18, 1682. As neither of these dates agree with Elizabeth's age as given on her gravestone in Bristol, and as neither of the names Nathaniel or Abigail appear among the children of Elizabeth, while the name *Henry* does, which is exceedingly strong evidence that she was a daughter of Henry, the compiler has thought best to suggest that this may be the fact. It may have occurred this way: The Elizabeth b. 1671-2 may have died as a child, and afterward, following the custom of the times, another daughter born was named Elizabeth from the one who had died. That such a birth does not appear on the Hull records is no argument against the supposition, as the records of that town were very poorly cared for, as the compiler has reason to know.

†Anna was a granddaughter of Major Simon Willard of New Rutland, Worcester Co. Mass. (This and other of the items given are from the Willard Genealogy.)

ye to receive and the above
his heirs Executors Administrators or
some of Three hundred Pounds in like
all bills of Credit of & provide a bond paid
second day of June Next ensuing
and Coven or further delay that
be void and of none effect wth all
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John Bosworth

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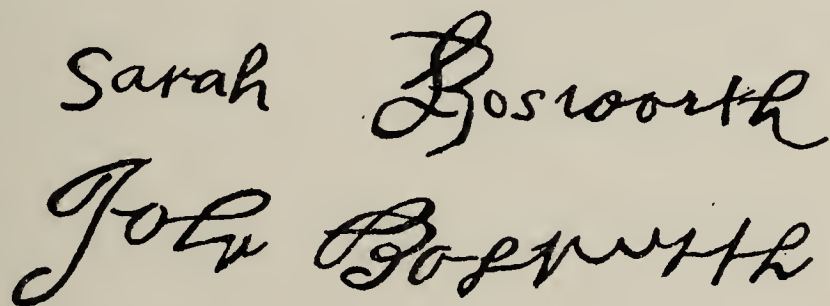
SIGNATURES AND SEALS ON A BOND GIVEN BY THREE OF THE SONS OF JOHN BOSWORTH. (Nos. 118, 119, 120)

marriage to John, published in Bristol, Sept. 13, 1718, reads: "There is a purpose of marriage between Mr. John Bosworth of Bristol and Mrs. Hannah Lafavour of Boston." Hannah had a son by her first husband, Timothy Le Favour, Jr., who afterward married Elizabeth Bosworth, a daughter of John by his first wife. Anna (or Hannah) died in Bristol, Aug. 20, 1747.

At the time of John's marriage he lived in Hull and continued to reside there until after the birth of two children, then sometime between the birth of the second on March 20, 1710 and May 6, 1711, when his third child was born in Bristol, he removed there, following his father who had gone there shortly before.

On July 29, 1722, John Bosworth and his wife were taken into full communion with the Church of Christ in Bristol, by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton. This was his second wife, Anna.

John's father, John³, died Aug. 20, 1725, and John with his mother Sarah were made executors of his father's will. They made their report June 16, 1730, which was signed by Sarah the mother and John the son, as given below:


 The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is 'Sarah Bosworth' and the bottom signature is 'John Bosworth'. Both are written in dark ink on a light background.

This shows, as noted on page 220 of Part II, that Sarah wrote her name very neatly for those days.

LAND RECORDS

The first entry we find at Taunton of the land records of John⁴ Bosworth, was on *Feb. 13, 1717*, when he mortgaged to the same Government Commissioners before mentioned, for £57, "All that my one seventh part of a certain farm, the whole containing 98 acres." This was probably the "Capt. Hayman farm", told of in the history of John³ (No. 25), which was divided into seven parts. The mortgage was discharged June 30, 1727.

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Apr. 21, 1718, John⁴, Jr., with his brothers Benjamin⁴ and Edward⁴ bought land of their cousin Benjamin⁴, son of Bellamy³. Several times in this deed are found the words: "the said John Bosworth Jun^r. and Brothers Benjamin and Edward Bosworth." (See history of Benjamin⁴, No. 114).

(Taunton Deeds, 12-71)

May 19, 1718, John and his brother Benjamin, both called "husbandmen", buy 98 a. of land in Bristol, a country road on the east, the sea on the west. On the same date the three brothers, John, Jr., Benjamin and Edward, all husbandmen, for £70, sold 4 a. of land in Bristol, Judith, wife of Benjamin, and Mehitabel, wife of Edward, signed the deed, thus relinquishing their right of dower.

(Taunton Deeds, Bk. 12, pps. 77 & 96)

Feb. 13, 1721, John Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, "yeoman and Anna his wife", mortgage to the Government Commissioners mentioned above, 14 acres of land in Bristol, for £50. The land was bounded on the south by land of "Edward Bosworth Sen^r." and was probably their home lot, as "Houses outhouses Buildings Barns Stables yards Gardens" etc. are mentioned. It was situated on a corner on the south side of a "two rod highway that goes from y^e Country Road to the East highway at the head of y^e Neck", and on the west side of this "East highway", with the land of Joseph Munroe on the west.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-459)

Dec. 22, 1722, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, sells to his brother John, 14 acres of land in Bristol, bounded north and east by highways and south on land "belonging to my Uncle Edward Bosworth", and west on land of Joseph Munroe*; also one-third part of a piece of upland and salt meadow "which was purchased by my sd Brother John Bosworth & my Brother Benjamin Bosworth and myself as by deed under the hand & seale of my Cousin Benjⁿ, Bosworth of Bristol aforesd, dated the twenty first day of Aprill 1718 & recorded in the twelve of Book of records for Bristol County folio 72 & 73." Also "two parcels of Salt Meadow" one containing 7 acres, the other 4 acres, the latter being bounded on the west "partly on land of sd Edward Bosworth Sen^r." Signed by "Edward Bosworth Jun^r. His wife agreeing thereto."

(Taunton Deeds, 15-415)

On the same date, John Bosworth Sen. of Bristol sells to "my son John Bosworth Junener" for £95, all that 9 acres and 20 rods of land "which I bought of my sister Hannah and her son Nathaniel Jacobs of Bristol" by deed dated May 21, 1719, being part of Mr. Jacobs 20 acre lot. John, Sen. in signing the deed, made his mark.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-534)

*This is surely the same 14 acres that John mortgaged on Feb. 13, 1721 as shown above but how a person could mortgage land before they owned it the compiler cannot see. Even if the year of the mortgage should be double dated, as it probably should be, it would only be Feb. 13, 1721-2, which would be ten months before John bought it. Thinking that perhaps a mistake in the dates might have been made when they were copied years ago, the compiler has written to the Register of Deeds at Taunton regarding it. In his reply he confirms the correctness of the dates as given, but offers no explanation, so all we can do is to leave it as it stands.

(NOTE: A striking example showing the great pains taken by compiler to be accurate! Nine out of ten readers probably would never notice discrepancy!— J. CLARKE.)

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Jan. 31, 1722-3, Dan Throope of Bristol for £1000 "good and lawful money of this province" deeds to "John Bosworth Jnr." of Bristol "Husbandman", 80 acres of land in Bristol, the north part of his farm, etc. bounded north and west by highways and on the south "by land by me sold to Edward Bosworth, Junr. by deed bearing even date with these presents." "Benjamin Bosworth Junr. one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-483)

Feb. 9, 1722-3 John Bosworth Jr. of Bristol, Husbandman, for £150, mortgaged to the same parties as above, his dwelling house and 25 acres of land on which the house stood, etc. Signed by "John Bosworth Junr." and Anna Bosworth. One of the witnesses to Anna's signing was Mehitable Bosworth, who was the wife of Edward Bosworth, Jr. Mortgage discharged Oct. 15, 1734.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-491)

Apr. 3, 1723, John Bosworth Jr. and Anna his wife mortgage to Francis Brindley of Boston, 55 acres of land in Bristol, the balance of his farm, 35 acres lying north of the 25 acres on which his house stood and 20 acres to the south, the 35 acres being the "northermost part of sd farm" and is bounded south by the 25 acres and on the other three sides by highways. Signed by John Jr. and Anna.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-529)

Sept. 10, 1723, John bought 1½ acres of land in Bristol of Joseph Munroe which was bounded east by land he had sold on Mar. 11th of that year to Ephraim Andrass of Swansey.

June 4, 1724 John sold to his brother "Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol Blockmaker", the 9 acres 20 rods of land "which I purchased of my Hond. father John Bosworth" by deed dated Dec. 22, 1722.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-556)

Dec. 12, 1724, Edward Bosworth, Jr. sells to his brother John, for £340, the 20 acres which he bought of Dan Throope, a part of Dan Throope's farm bounded north by the north part of said farm sold by the said Throope to the said John Bosworth . . . and south by the south part of said farm sold by said Throope to Benjamin Bosworth. Nathaniel Bosworth one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-539)

Apr. 8, 1726 John Bosworth of Bristol "yeoman" for £430, deeds to "my Brother Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol yeoman" his share in that farm in Bristol on which said Benj. Bosworth now dwelleth being 31 acres of land, one-seventh part of which farm he bought in partnership with his brother Benjamin of Col. Nathaniel Paine deceased, by deed dated May 19, 1718 "to me & my Brother sd Benjamin Bosworth may appear . . . and five acres & the fifth part of five seventh of sd farm was given to me by my honored father John Bosworth Late of Bristol Decd as by his Last Will & Testament . . . may appear", the said farm was bounded east by the Country road, south by land of Col. Nathaniel Paine deceased, west by the sea and north by land of Capt. Peter Reynolds. Edward Bosworth, Junr. one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-452)

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

Jan. 3, 1729, Elizabeth Bouerman, widow, for £62, deeds to John the land that was laid out to her in the division of the estate of her brother Nathaniel Gallup deceased, being part of the 40 acre lot belonging to her father Samuel Gallup deceased. Timothy Fales and Samuel Gallup (probably a brother), witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 19-237)

Jan. 3, 1729-30 (No doubt the same day as the above, but that was not double-dated.) Samuel Gallup, Mariner of New London, Colony of Connecticut, sold to John Bosworth, land which he had inherited from his brother Nathaniel Gallup deceased, also some that was laid out to William Gallup, "being parts of a lot formerly belonging to my honored father Samuel Gallup. deceased." (Taunton Deeds, 19-152)

"This indenture made the Seventeenth Day of february in the third year of y^e Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second over Great Britain &c. annoque Dominis 1729/30" between "John Bosworth & Benjamin Bosworth yeoman & Jacob Bosworth late of Bristol now of Barrington in county of Bristol Cordwainer, sons of John Bosworth late of Bristol Deceased Witnesseth concerning a 20 acre lot in Bristol . . . which by the last will of John Bosworth aforesd & by sundry deeds of sale made among the sons of the sd John doth now belong to John Bosworth, Benjamin Bosworth & Jacob Bosworth and which they now agree to divide as follows: To John one fifth in the northeast corner Jacob one fifth in the northwest corner, and the remainder three fifth to Benjamin."

(Taunton Deeds, 19-201)

On the next day, Feb. 18, 1729/30, Benjamin sold his one-fifth of the above 20 acre lot to his brother John, "which formerly belonged to our hon^d. father John Bosworth deceased." (Taunton Deeds, 19-564)

NOTE: Bristol, R. I. was one of the towns acquired from Mass. Jan. 27, 1746/7, so from this date all records have been kept at Bristol, as that is the law in R. I., while in Mass. the record of deeds and wills are kept at the County seats.

June 24, 1748, John Bosworth, yeoman, as executor to the will of his son-in-law (also step-son), "Timothy Lefavour, mariner, sells land in Bristol. (Bristol Deeds, Bk. 1, p. 39)

Apr. 5, 1749, John mortgaged, for £900, fifty acres of land in "the Northerly end of my Homestead Farm on which I now dwell in Bristol" etc. Mortgage discharged Feb. 14, 1752. (Bristol Deeds, 1-58)

This ends the record of John⁴ Bosworth's land transactions.

SLAVES

It was the custom in New England, at the time this John Bosworth lived, to own slaves, and John seems to have had both Indian and Negro slaves, as the following shows:

UNDER "DEATHS IN BRISTOL."

May 14, 1736, Mr. John Bosworth's negro child.

Jan. 5, 1738, Mr. John Bosworth's Indian woman.

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Apr. 18, 1743, Mr. John Bosworth's negro man.
Mar. 4, 1746, John Bosworth's Indian child.
Dec. 31, 1746, Mr. John Bosworth's Caesar, at sea.
Feb. 19, 1747, Mr. John Bosworth's "Molatto Girl."
Jan. 10, 1748, Mr. John Bosworth's negro girl.
Jan. 30, 1749, Mr. John Bosworth's Indian child.
June 14, 1750, Mr. John Bosworth's negro child.

Another entry on the Bristol records is as follows: Jan. 11, 1749, "Casco, negro man belonging to Mr. Bosworth & Hagar negro woman belonging to Mrs. Mary Munroe, both of this Town were Lawfully married by me this Day. Shearjashub Bourn Justice of Peace."

On Nov. 7, 1748, "Mr. Bosworth appeared in Council and prayed for some relief for Bette an Indian woman an inhabitant of Bristol." It was ordered that the said Bosworth "be desired to Take care of sd Indian woman if need be till next Spring and then lay his account before the town."

The will of John Bosworth, dated Apr. 25, 1752, bequeaths as follows:

"I Give to my Grandson Phinehas Rice one good cow."

"to my Grandson Daniel Lefavour one half of all my wearing apparel."

"to my Grand daughter Anna Lefavour the best bed and all the furniture belonging to the Bed I commonly sleep on in the great room."

"to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Lefavour one other bed and all the furniture belonging thereto in the South Chamber which has a new ticken & was filled last year."

"to my two Granddaughters Anna and Elizabeth Lefavour my negro man called Casco."

"to my three Grandchildren Daniel Anna & Elizabeth Lefavour all and everything that was their Father Timothy Lefavours Estate that remains in my Possession and keeping & also Give them all the Expense and charge I have been at in bringing them up, and also give them the Indian Boy called Bond and the molatto Girl called Anne both born of Eunice their fathers Indian Slave."

"to my son John Bosworth . . . one third part of all my Estate Real & Personal."

"to my son Henry Bosworth . . . one Third part of all my Estate real and personal."

"to my Three Grandchildren Daniel Annah and Elizabeth Lefavour . . . the other Third part of all my Estate Real and personal to be equally Divided amongst them."

"Whereas my said son Henry Bosworth has been at Considerable Charge Labour & Expense in building the Tanner Bark house purposing fatts for

the Business of Tanning which he now Improves for that use. my will is that the Land occupied thereby & is really necessary for that Business Shall always be included in this part of my real Estate and be accordingly Set off to him in y^e Division of the Same and what I have Done toward sd House fatts &c I Give him he paying to his Brother John Bosworth. Appoints his sons John and Henry Bosworth Executors.

Samuel Bosworth, William Bosworth and Daniel Bradford, Witnesses.

On March 3, 1756, John Bosworth and Henry Bosworth, yeomen, and Joshua Bailey, cooper, all of Bristol, being empowered by Court, sell "Real Estate which John Bosworth, late of Bristol, deceased left in his will to the sd John & Henry and to grandchildren Daniel Anna and Elizabeth Lefavour, enough to pay his just debts, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres.

On Nov. 20, 1766, Nathaniel Bosworth, Jeremiah Bosworth, Henry Bosworth, Daniel Lefavour, James Diman and Anna his wife, John Howland and Elizabeth his wife, all of Bristol, and John Bosworth of Ashford, Conn., yeoman, for 187 "Spanish mill^d. Dollars & an half" deed to Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol, Housewright, 10 acres of land in Bristol, etc. Signed by the above. (Bristol Deeds, 3-156)

NOTE: Two persons not mentioned in the deed above, signed it, namely, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth, a brother of John, and Mary the wife of his son John⁵, who thus relinquished their rights in the property. The others who signed were Jeremiah Bosworth who "made his mark", he was another brother of John⁴; Henry was his son; Daniel Lefavour, his grandson; Elizabeth, wife of John Howland, Jr. and Anna, wife of James Diman, were his granddaughters, sisters of Daniel Lefavour. Phebe, the wife of Henry is mentioned in the deed, but did not sign.

CHILDREN

of John⁴ and first wife Elizabeth (Chamberlain) Bosworth

274+ i—JOHN⁵, b. in Hull, Mass., May 9, 1708; m. Mary Hayward.

275+ ii—SARAH⁵, b. in Hull, March 20, 1710; m. Joseph Rice.

276+ iii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) May 6, 1711; d. Mar. 3, 1748; m. Timothy Lefavour.

277+ iv—HENRY⁵, b. in Bristol, Oct. 12, 1713; m. Phebe Eddy.

Three of the above children were baptized in Bristol by the Rev. John Sparhawk: Elizabeth, bapt. July 8, 1711; Henry, Dec. 6, 1713, and Sarah, Sept. 16, 1716. It is the opinion of the compiler that the Sarah, born in Hull, died and another daughter born a short time previous to the death of the mother was baptized while an infant. It does not seem probable that the Sarah born in Hull in 1710 would have been left unbaptized until the age of six years when other children had been baptized meantime.

On the record of deaths in Bristol there is the following "Mr. Bosworths grandchild May 19, 1751"; the compiler fails to identify this child.

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BENJAMIN⁴ BOSWORTH, son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., perhaps about 1685; died at Ashford, Conn., previous to Jan. 27, 1774*, having made his will Aug. 30, 1773; he married (1) about 1717, when living in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), JUDITH TORREY, daughter of Angel and Hannah (———) Torrey, born about 1694; died in Bristol, Feb. 2, 1725/6; married (2), intention published in Bristol, April 15, 1727, JEMIMA ALLEN, daughter of Benjamin², (William¹) and Hopestill (———) Allen, born in Barrington, R. I., April 1, 1698, died after February, 1774.

Benjamin lived with his parents at Hull until about 1709, when he removed with them to Bristol. He married about eight years later and continued to live in Bristol where his five children by his first wife were born, the second and third being twins, both of whom died young. On Feb. 3, 1723, Judith, wife of Benjamin, united with the Congregational Church in Bristol. About four months after the birth of the fifth child, Judith died, and a little over a year later he married second, Jemima Allen of Barrington, and had two more children born in Bristol, but the elder of these died young.

LAND RECORDS

The first time Benjamin's name appears upon the land records of Bristol is when on March 30, 1714, he was witness to a deed of land bought by his brother Edward.

April 21, 1718, Benjamin with his brother John, Jr. and Edward, bought land from their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, son of Bellamy (See deed in history No. 114). On the same date and on May 17, 1718 he was witness to deeds given to his brother Edward.

May 19, 1718, Benjamin in company with his older brother John, bought 98 a. of land. (See history of John, No. 118.)

*The compiler very much regrets having made an error on p. 220 of Part II, where in giving date of death of this Benjamin, the date of death of his *son* Benjamin, Aug. 8, 1753, is given as his own. This had previously been published as the date of his death; I had discovered the mistake and intended to correct it but failed to do so, however, I give it now correctly.

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

Jan. 31, 1722/3, Benjamin, for £160, bought of Dan Throope his 2/6 part of a 40 a. lot, bounded west by land of John Bosworth; also a strip of land 3 rods wide bounded on the west by "land of Mr. John Bosworth." Signed by Dan and Deborah Throope. (Deborah made her mark—a D)

(Taunton Deeds, 14-558)

Feb. 13, 1722/3, "ninth year of George"; Benjamin Bosworth, "son of John," of Bristol, husbandman, and Judith his wife, mortgage to the Commissioners mentioned in previous histories, for £30, 6 a. of land in Bristol; signed by Benjamin and his wife Judith, who "made her mark."

(Taunton Deeds, 15-179)

April 8, 1726, Benjamin, for 280, sells to "my Brother John Bosworth" the land bought of Dan Throope, also "my Third part of fourteen acres of upland and seven acres of meadow which I bought in Partnership with my brothers John and Edward Bosworth; of Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol. (Son of Bellamy, No. 114). Edward Bosworth, Jr. (his brother), one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-451)

On the same date Benjamin's brother John, deeded him his share of the land they had bought in partnership and on which Benjamin was then living. (See history No. 118, on this date.)

March 5, 1728-9, Benjamin Bosworth, Edward Bosworth and Jacob Bosworth, all of Bristol, sons of John Bosworth late of Bristol "whereas the farm in Bristol aforesd whereof the sd John Bosworth at the time of his Decease owned . . . Containing by Estimation one hundred and one acres . . . doth now by virtue of the Last will and testament of the said John Bosworth dect. and severall Deeds of sale since made by and among the sons of said John Bosworth, belong to the sd Benjamin Edward and Jacob except fourteen acres thereof sold by sd Edward To John Deyer which did also belong to sd Edward Bosworth." Division was made as follows: Benjamin to have the Dwelling house and barn with 61 a. upon the S. side of said farm" bounded easterly by the Country road and west by the bay or Salt water," etc. Edward to have 13 a. of land in the N. E. corner of said farm; Jacob to have the remaining 13 a., bounded east by the Country road, south by Benjamin's 61 a., west by land of the said John Dyer and north by the land of Edward Bosworth. "It is to be understood that the sd 26 acres belonging to said Edward and Jacob Bosworth is thirty rods and four foot wide at the east end & is Divided equally Between them by severall heaps of stones." Signed by Benjamin, Edward and Jacob Bosworth.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-551)

(See accompanying drawing.)

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Farm that
did belong to Capt. Peter Reynolds, deceased.
30 rds.

14a. Edward sold to John Dyer	Edward's 13a.	30 rds. and 4 ft. Country Road
	Jacob's 13a.	
Benjamin's share 61a. with the dwelling house and barn.		

Land of the heirs of Col. Nathaniel Paine, deceased.

On the same date Benjamin bought of his brother Edward, two-fifth part of the land house and barn that had belonged to his father now deceased. (See Edward's history, No. 120, on above date).

Feb. 17, 1729/30, Benjamin and his brothers executed an indenture given in history of John, Jr. (See No. 118 on this date and the day following.)

Sept. 9, 1730, Benjamin bought land in Ashford, Conn., the deed reads: Benjamin Russell of Ashford, for £560, deeds to Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol, husbandman, 100 a. in Ashford with a "mansion house and barn" and is the 100 a. "the said Russell now dwells on and was confirmed to him by the General Court Committee in the year 1719: and also all my Pue Rite & privileges therein which joynes to Captain Parrys Pue which privilege was Granted to me by the Town of Ashford."

(Ashford Deeds, G-10)

They probably soon removed from Bristol to Ashford, for in December of that year their daughter Jemima was born in Ashford. The following year Benjamin bought another 100 acres of land:

June 4, 1731, David Allen of Rehoboth, Mass., for £80, deeds to "Benjamin Bosworth, late of Bristol, County of Bristol, Massachusetts Bay Colony, now of Ashford Windham County Connecticut" 100 a. with buildings, etc. The land had belonged to Benjamin Allen, deceased, (father of Jemima), "¼ part of three lots." Witnessed in Bristol, by Samuel and Abigail Howland. (Ashford Deeds, A-244)

July 29, 1731, Ann Allen, single woman of Rehoboth, Mass., sells her ¼ share of the above three lots for £85 to Benjamin. (No doubt David and Ann Allen were brother and sister of Jemima). Ack. in Bristol Nov. 4, 1731, witnesses, Joseph Phillips and Edward Bosworth. (Edward was a brother and Joseph Phillips a cousin of Benjamin.) (Ashford Deeds, A-284)

July 30, 1736, Benjamin and Jemima Bosworth of Ashford acknowledged the receipt of £100 from David Allen of Rehoboth, "for which they resign all their right in the estate of our Hon^d father Benjamin Allen of Rehoboth." (Signed) Benjamin Bosworth
Jemima Bosworth

Joseph Haward }
Philip Eastman } Witnesses (Ashford Deeds, 36-422)

Sept. 14, 1743, Ephraim and Mary Dean of Taunton, Mass., for £100 deed to Benjamin Bosworth of Ashford, all their right in the land of their Honrd father Benjamin Allen late of Rehoboth deceased, their share of 300 acres of land in Ashford. (The above Mary was probably a sister of Jemima and appears to complete the family—David, Ann, Mary and Jemima Allen—for each seems to have owned one fourth of the father's estate.) (Ashford Deeds, D-23)

On the same date Benjamin and Jemima, for £100, deed to Ephraim Dean and Mary his wife of Taunton, Mass., 107 acres of land in Ashford with bridle path leading to the Country road by Mr. Pitts "the fourth part of the land and estate which was Benjamin Allen's Late of Rehoboth decd. —sd. Land falls to ye Daughters of sd Benjamin Allen and we ye said wife of Benjamin Bosworth she being a Daughter of ye said Benjamin Allen." (Ashford Deeds, D-22)

About this time Benjamin Bosworth, Jr., Benjamin's eldest son, attained his majority and in 1747, when he was aged 23, his father and step-mother deed him land as follows:

Nov. 12, 1747, Benjamin Bosworth and Jemima wife of said Benjamin, for "the love & Goodwill that we have and do bare unto our beloved son Benjamin Bosworth Junr of sd Ashford," deed 79 acres 144 rods land in Ashford. (Ashford Deeds, D-252)

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It looks very much as if young Benjamin contemplated marriage, but no record of any has been found. Six years later, on Aug. 8, 1753, Benjamin Bosworth, Jr. died aged nearly 29 years. An inventory of his estate was made Aug. 1, 1756, but this having been destroyed by fire another was made Nov. 3, 1756. The inventory included "household stuff, farming tools and land. Whole amount in lawful money £188:13:7—." The naming of *household goods* in the inventory would seem to confirm the supposition that he had married, but he could not have left children as after events show that his property was inherited by his brother and sisters.

Sometime before Benjamin Bosworth, Jr.'s death he with his father and twenty-two others signed a petition to the Assembly, asking to be set off from the old church and be allowed to form a new one with more liberal beliefs, and closed with asking exemption "from all ministerial taxes raised by the town." This petition was not presented until Sept. 22, 1753 (over a month after young Benjamin's death.) The Assembly refused both articles of the petition. Affairs were in great confusion for several years, but finally in 1758 a minister of more liberal views was obtained and peace again reigned.

In October 1756 Benjamin Bosworth presented a memorial to the Assembly for permission to sell so much of the real estate of Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r late of Ashford as shall be necessary to pay debts amounting to £20, 16s, 9d. Liberty given, "taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret in said sale" etc.

(Col. Rec. of Conn., Vol. 10, p. 588)

April 28, 1757, William Watkins for £30 lawful money quitclaims to Benjamin Bosworth 14 a. of land in Ashford lying at the S.E. corner "of ye farm that Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r Dec^d Late of Ashford Died seized of . . . it being ye Land I the sdWilkins bought at Vendue of ye sd Benjamin Bosworth on ye 20th of this Instant April . . . which land was sold by order of the General Assembly out of the Estate of Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r Late of Ashford dec^d to Pay Just Debts." (Ashford Deeds, J-144)

March 29, 1759, Benjamin and Jemima Bosworth for £34 deed to Ebenezer Bosworth 34 a. of land in Ashford lying next" to land now belonging to the sd Ebenezer as Lately settled on him by ye Court of Probate he being an heir to ye Estate of Benjamin Bosworth late of Ashford deceased."

(Ashford Deeds, K-48)

Aug. 1, 1770, Sarah and Elizabeth Bosworth of Ashford for twenty shillings quitclaim to Ebenezer Bosworth all their right in the land which Benjamin Bosworth, Jun^r died seized. (Ashford Deeds, 11-134)

As is often the case in families where a man has two wives and two sets of children, a jealousy existed in this family; so when the property of this Benjamin had been divided and the half brother and sisters had received portions of his estate, Hannah, the only living child of his deceased sister Judith (an *own* sister of Benjamin, Jr.), felt aggrieved and brought suit in the Probate Court April 16, 1770. This was surely stirring up old matters for the division had been made when Hannah Smith was only *nine* years old and now she was the wife of William Walker who joined with her in the action and "moved for an Appeal to be granted to them in her Right as she is an Heir of the whole Blood to the Real Estate of M^r. Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r. late of sd Ashford Deceased on & from the Judgment order & Determination of this Court on the Ninth Day of May AD 1757 in the particular Distribution of said Deceased Real Estate to & among the half as well as whole Blood in Degree or Relation to said Deceased as per the Record of this Court may fully appear."

This case was carried to the Supreme Court and a bond of £100 was put up "to effect & answer all Damages in Case they make not their plea good." Nothing was found on the records to show how this case ended, it may have been dismissed. (Pomfret Probate, 4-140).

NOTE: One thing the compiler cannot understand is that one of the lawyers employed by the Walkers was Ebenezer Bosworth, a half-uncle to Hannah and one who had profited by the division. The other lawyer was Ephraim Peabody, perhaps a cousin of Hannah's, a son of her Aunt Abigail, an own sister of her mother.

Benjamin⁴ Bosworth probably died in Ashford, in January 1774, for the signatures to the witnesses to his will were sworn to Jan. 27, 1774 and the inventory of his estate was made Feb. 21, 1774, which included household furniture and "an old great Bible 12/ . . 7 Bound Books & pamphlets 6/ . . 8 Barrels Cyder 40/ . . 9 old Cyder Barrels 13/6 . . a Black white faced Cow 80/ . . a Brindle Cow & Calf 80/ . . a Horse 100/ . . To Hay 65/ . . 43 lb old iron

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5/4 . . two Piggs 9/ . . a piece of a Chain 2/8 . . wheat
2/ . .

To 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Cheese 13/6 . . 5 lb. old Iron 0/7 . .

To a Farm containing 100 acres £190—Total £227 . 6 . .2

The above was exhibited in Court March 15, 1774.

(Pomfret Probate, 4-393)

The will of Benjamin Bosworth dated Ashford, Aug. 30, 1773 bequeathed as follows:

- First —I will to my Wife *Jemima* the Improvement of all my Estate
I Dye Seized of as long as she Remains my Widow.
- Secondly —I will to my son *Ebenezer Bosworth* one fifth part of the Estate
I Dye Seized to come into Possession at my Wifes Marriage or
Decease.
- Thirdly —I will to my Daughter *Hopestill* one fifth part of the Estate I
Dye Seized of to come into Possession at the Same Time with
her Brother.
- Fourthly —I will to my Daughter *Bridget* one fifth part of the Estate I Die
Seized of to come into possession at the Same Time.
- Fifthly —I will to my Daughter *Sarah* one fifth part of the Estate I Die
Seized of to come into possession as the above said.
- Sixthly —I will to my Daughter *Elizabeth* one fifth part of the Estate I
Die Seized of to come into possession as the Others.
- Seventhly—I Will to my Grand Daughter *Hannah Walker* Ten Shillings
to be paid by my Executor out of my Estate.
- Eighthly —I will to my Grand Daughter *Abigail Peabody* twenty shillings
to be paid in like Manner. And I ordain my son *Ebenezer Bos-*
worth to be my Sole Executor to this my last Will.

his
Benjamin X Bosworth
mark

(Pomfret Probate, 3-413)

“Ashford, April 28, 1777, this is to Certify that we have Received of
Ebenezer Bosworth ten Shillings Lawful Money which was willed to us by
Benja^a Bosworth Late of Ashford Deceased.

William Walker
Hannah Walker.”

NOTE: *Hannah* was a daughter of *Ezra* and *Judith Smith*, now wife of
William Walker. *Judith*, now deceased, was Benjamin's eldest child.

“Ashford, May 5, 1777, then we Received of Mr *Ebenezer Bosworth* of sd
Ashford Executor of the Last Will & Testament of our Hon^d Grandfather

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Benja^a Bosworth Late of Ashford Dec^d as a Legacy given by his will to his Grand Daughter *Abigail Peabody* Twenty Shillings Lawful Money in full of sd Legacy.

Samuel Sumner
Abigail Sumner."

(The above receipts may be found in Pomfret Probate Rec., 3-337)

NOTE: It is evident that Abigail Peabody, before receiving the legacy from her grandfather's estate, had married Samuel Sumner, so his name as well as hers was signed to the receipt for in those days a husband had control of his wife's property.

"At a Court of Probate holden Feb. 10, 1779, Ebr. Bozworth presented his account as Exr. to y^e will of Benja^a. Bosworth Late of Ashford Dec^d." and exhibited receipts from his sisters Sarah and Hopestill. His account was allowed.
(Pomfret Probate, 4-431)

The three daughters of Benjamin, Hopestill, Sarah and Elizabeth, seem never to have married, but lived single to old age*.

Dec. 26, 1787, Hopestill Bosworth of Ashford, having recovered judgment against David Allen of Ashford for £18..16 and costs, the sheriff sold enough of his land to pay the same with costs viz. £24..12..10 and gave possession to Benjamin Bosworth, Atty. to the creditor Hopestill Bosworth.

On the same date Sarah Bosworth and Elizabeth Bosworth, both of Ashford, having also recovered judgment against David Allen, Sarah for £28..7 and costs; Elizabeth for £17..2 and costs, the sheriff sold land of his and gave into the hands of Benjamin Bosworth, Atty. to the creditors, £34..4 for Sarah and a similar amount for Elizabeth.

(Ashford Deeds, 11-685, 686, 687)

Dec. 5, 1808, the names of Sarah and Elizabeth Bosworth were mentioned in the boundaries given in land deeds.

March 11, 1809, Sarah and Elizabeth Bosworth deeded for \$700. to Benjamin Bosworth (probably their nephew, son of their brother Ebenezer), the 62 a. of land on which they lived, also another piece of 52 a. which included all the land set off to the said Sarah and Elizabeth, and to Hopestill Bosworth, now deceased, on an execution in favor of each of them against David Allen.

On the same date Benjamin Bosworth for \$700. gives to Sarah and Elizabeth a life lease of the 62 a. on which they lived, "all the land which they so deeded that was formerly their Honour^d. Father Benjamin Bosworth deceased.". Ack. by Benjamin Bosworth, Esq.

(Ashford Deeds, 15-491)

*Cannot my readers just picture in their minds these three, apparently wealthy maiden sisters, so much like stories of New England that we have read—living by themselves in a "mansion house" and on Sundays, tall, thin and stately, dressed in their stiff silks or satins, getting into their "chaise" and driving to church?

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The daughter Elizabeth lived to be eighty-two and Sarah lived to the age of eighty.

NOTE: Of the fourteen children of Benjamin named below, only five are mentioned in his will, and although two others were represented by children, one of these—Judith—had died. This leaves seven to be accounted for; Jonathan and two Hannahs had died young; Benjamin, Jr. had died in 1753, thus leaving three—Jemima, Mary and Allen, of whom there have no further records been found. The compiler is uncertain as to Allen, for although there are no records it is possible he may have married and had children.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁴ Bosworth
by 1st wife, Judith Torrey
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- 278 + i—JUDETH⁵, b. Nov. 25, 1718, bap. Dec. 1721; d. in Ashford, Conn., July 12, 1754; m. Ezra Smith as his 2nd wife.
ii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Aug. 16, 1720; d. Oct. 1720.
279 iii—HANNAH⁵, b. Aug. 16, 1720, bap. Dec. 1721; d. before 1728.
280 + iv—ABIGAIL⁵, b. April 14, 1722; d. ———, 1807, aged 86; m. Ephraim Peabody.
281 v—BENJAMIN⁵, b. Oct. 8, 1724; d. in Ashford, Aug. 8, 1753.

By 2nd wife, Jemima Allen
first two born in Bristol, the others in Ashford.

- 282 vi—HANNAH⁵, b. March 26, 1728; d. Dec. 21, 1729.
283 vii—HOPESTILL⁵, b. Sept. 7, 1729, bap. Dec. 1, 1729; d. unm. before March 1809; was living in December 1787.
284 viii—JEMIMA⁵, b. Dec. 25, 1730; d. ——— ———.
285 ix—MARY⁵, b. March 3, 1731/2; d. ——— ———.
286 + x—BRIDGET⁵, b. Sept. 18, 1733; d. June 9, 1777; m. Thomas Knowlton.
287 xi—ALLEN⁵, b. July 29, 1735.
288 + xii—EBENEZER⁵, b. Aug. 23, 1736; d. previous to Oct. 5, 1813; m. Elizabeth Fletcher.
289 xiii—SARAH⁵, b. ——— 1742; d. unm. at Ashford, Sept. 13, 1822, ae. 80.*
290 xiv—ELIZABETH⁵, b. 1751; d. unm., Dec. 8, 1833, ae. 82 yrs. Grave-stone at Storrs (No. Mansfield), Conn.

*Death notice from R. I. American. See Vit. Rec. R. I. vol. 20.

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EDWARD⁴ BOSWORTH, third son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., perhaps about 1691; died in Mansfield, Conn., previous to Feb. 21, 1788. His wife's name was MEHITABLE, but her maiden name or the date of their marriage has not been discovered; however they were probably married soon after March 30, 1714, when Edward bought land. His Bible, in which was written the births of their children, has been preserved and the record leaf photographed by a descendant—Mr. George R. Bosworth, Barre, Vt., now deceased. It was given to the compiler by another descendant and presented by her to Mr. G. R. Bosworth, by whose family it is now preserved. (See accompanying reproduction.)

Edward came with his father to Bristol about 1709. Here he was known as "Edward Bosworth, Jun^r.", as his father's brother Edward³ Bosworth (No. 27), lived in the same town.

On *July 29, 1722*, Edward Bosworth, Jun^r. and Mehitable his wife were taken into full communion with the Bristol Congregational Church, the same one of which his grandfather Nathaniel had been a deacon. His older brother John and wife Anna joined at the same time. (From records of the "Church of Christ," Bristol, kept by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton.)

On March 6, 1729, according to the records, but which should no doubt be double-dated and be March 6, 1729/30, after he had moved to Barrington, Edward, with Nathaniel Peck and others, donated ten shillings each to furnish the cost of obtaining a legacy for the church.

(Bicknell's Hist. of Barr., p. 209)

At a Barrington Town Meeting held March 26, 1731, Edward was chosen Surveyor of Highways; also Edward Bosworth and John Toogood chosen Tythingmen.

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 54)

According to the records of the Congregational Church of Barrington, Mass. (Now. R. I.), Edward Bosworth and wife

Family of Bosworths

Mehitable Bosworth born May the 23. 1716. 1716
Edward Bosworth born August the 28. 1717. 1717
Elizabeth Bosworth born September the 6. 1719. 1719
Gemma Bosworth born March the 11. 1722. 1722
Jannah Bosworth born October the 11. 1724. 1724
Jonathan Bosworth born September the 17. 1727. 1727
Peter Bosworth born August the 17. 1730. 1730
Joseph Bosworth born & died March the 17. 1733. 1733
Mary Bosworth born January the 22. 1736. 1736
Daniel Bosworth born June the 7. 1739. 1739
about a quarter of an hour after 8 o'clock
in the morning

LEAF FROM THEIR BIBLE GIVING THE FAMILY RECORD OF EDWARD AND MEHITABLE BOSWORTH. (See note in index)

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Mehitable were received by letter from the church in Little Compton, R. I., dated Jan. 7, 1732; also his brother Jacob.

NOTE: As the above seemed hardly reasonable, Little Compton being a long way from Bristol, the compiler wrote to the pastor of the Congregational church in Little Compton, who replied that an examination of the church records showed that no person named Bosworth had ever belonged to that church, and that the mistake must be at Barrington.

At a Town Meeting held March 17, 1731/2, Edward was chosen one of a Committee of three "to examine the treasurers account for the two years past to see where the money is that is behind of Mr. Heaths salary." (Mr. Heath was the pastor of the Barrington church.)

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 56)

Feb. 6, 1737/8 it was voted at the Town Meeting that Rev. Peleg Heath shall preach in the dwelling of Edward Bosworth, and at the meeting held March 2, 1737/8, Edward Bosworth, James Adams and James Smith were chosen a committee to confer with the Rev. Peleg Heath and inform him of their offer as to where he might preach.

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 74)

On May 18, 1739 it was voted "that the town accept of an open highway through the land of Edward Bosworth and [his brother] Jacob Bosworth to a convenient place for keeping the ferry over to Mr. Samuel Millers."

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 82)

(Edward was about leaving Barrington for Mansfield, Conn.)

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Nov. 6, 1713, "Edward Bosworth Junr. of Bristol husbandman," bought of his aunt and cousin, Hannah and Nathaniel Jacob, for £40, 13½ a. of land in Bristol, "bounded southerly by land of Edward Bosworth Senr. west by the land of George Mooney northerly and easterly by highways. . . . this Sixth day of November in the Twelfth year of her Majesties Reign Anne Queen of Great Brittain &c Annoqr Domini seventeen hundred and thirteen."

Daniel Smith }
Ephraim Emerson } Witnesses.

"Bristol Ss. March 11th 1713/4 Mr Natha^l Jacob & Mrs. Hannah Jacob his mother personally appeared" etc. (Taunton Deeds, 8-233)

March 30, 1714, Nathaniel Richards and wife for £50 "well and truly paid by Edward Bosworth Jun (son of John Bosworth) of Bristol, yeoman",

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deeded him "All our Full Quarter Part of Three Ten Acre Lotts" in Bristol, also "our full one Quarter Part of Two Commonages in Bristol," land inherited from her father, Eliashib Adams.

Benjamin Bosworth (his brother) and {
William Adams, two of the witnesses.} (Taunton Deeds, 11-421)

Feb. 21, 1714/15, Edward bought of William Adams, tanner of Bristol, the $\frac{1}{2}$ part of a "Commonage" in Bristol for £8.

"Hanary" Chamberlain {
Mehetable Bosworth } Witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 11-423)

Jan. 7, 1716, "3rd year of George)" Edward buys of William Adams "one fourth Part or Share of a Certain Ten acre Lot of Land" adjoining land of David Cary. (Taunton Deeds, 11-425)

Feb. 13, 1717, "(the 4th year of King George) Edward Bosworth Junr. of Bristol yeoman and Mehittabel his wife" for £8 mortgages to Commisioners before mentioned, the $\frac{3}{4}$ part of 20 a. of land in Bristol, bounded on the east partly by "land of Benjamin Bosworth the son of Bellamy," etc.; to be paid on every year. Mortgage discharged, *Feb. 23, 1731*.

(Taunton Deeds, 12-108)

April 17, 1717, James and Dorothy Pennio, for £210, deed to Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, husbandman, "All that my messuage Tennement Tract or percell of land which I lately Purchased of Mr Robert Jolls as appeareth by his deed on record bearing date the second day of April 1713," bounded "east by the country roade from John Throopes north east corner,

John Troop }
Robert Troop } Witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 10-522)

July 24, 1717, Edward mortgaged to Joseph Belcher of Dedham, Mass., for £50, "All that my Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances and the Upland and Salt Meadow thereunto belonging and Adjoining" 30 a. which he "lately purchased of James Pineo then of Bristol In mine own present Tenure and occupation" etc.

(Signed) { Edward Bosworth Junr
Mehittabel Bosworth

Nathal Jacob }
John Lynsee } Witnesses.

Mortgage discharged by Joseph Belcher, *Jan. 4, 1719* "In the sixth year of King Georges Reign." (Taunton Deeds, 11-137)

April 21, 1718, Edward Bosworth and his brothers John and Benjamin bought land of their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, son of Bellamy. (See histories No. 114, 118 and 119, on this date.)

April 21, 1718, William Adams of Bristol, for £120. deeds to Edward, 5 a. of land in Bristol, "one fourth part of a 20 acre lot." Benjamin Bosworth a witness. (Taunton Deed, 12-104)

May 9, 1718, Eliazer Cary of Bristol, for £245 deeds to Edward Bosworth Junr., his house lot in Bristol, "containing two acres . . . (which I purchased of Mrs Mary Bosworth of said Bristol School Mistress Daughter of Deacon Bosworth sumetime of said Bristol Deceased)", bounded "west-

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ward fronting on Hope Street northward on a lot late in the Possession of Mr Benjamin Jones Deceased easterly bounded by High Street and southerly partly on land of Col. Paine Esqr and partly on the land of Daniel Cary.”
(Taunton Deeds, 12-106)

May 17, 1718, David Cary of Bristol deeds to Edward Bosworth for £50, five acres of land in Bristol “one quarter part of a 20 acre lot,” adjoining land of Benjamin Bosworth (son of Bellamy). His brother Benjamin one of the witnesses.
(Taunton Deeds, 12-105)

May 19, 1718, John Bosworth, Jr. and his brothers Benjamin and Edward, all “Husbandmen” of Bristol, for £70, deed to Nathaniel Paine, land in Bristol “the one Hundred & fiftieth part of Six hundred acres of land lately layed out into lots or Shares”, containing 4 a., the 134 and 136 lots in number, “and Judith the wife of the above named Benjamin Bosworth and Mehetable the wife of the said Edward Bosworth agree thereto” etc. Signed by John, Benjamin, Edward, Judith and Mehitabel Bosworth. Judith made her mark, but “Mehatable,” as she spelled it, wrote her name.
(Taunton Deeds, 12-96)

NOTE: This was the land the brothers had bought the month previous—April 21, 1718—of their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, son of Bellamy.

Oct. 16, 1718, Eliashib Adams of Preston, New London Co., Conn. sold to Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, “yeoman”, for £116, “One full quarter part of 20 acres”, also one quarter of a ten acre lot; “All his share or proportion in the land that was the estate of his Honr. father Eliashib Adams formerly of Bristol and was given to his four children by his last will” etc. In the boundaries the names of Benjamin Bosworth, William Munroe and Capt. Benjamin Ellere are mentioned; also the second portion was bounded “on the south by land late in the possession of my Uncle David Cary Deceased and west by the road that leads to Swansea.” Also “two common lots lately laid out the 73rd and 47th.”
(Taunton Deeds, 12-281)

Jan. 27, 1719 “(6th year of George)” Edward Bosworth, Jr. husbandman and Mehitabel for £225, deeded to Robert Jolls the 30 a. of land they had bought of James Pennio, April 17, 1717.
(Taunton Deeds, 13-79)

May 2, 1720, Edward sold to Jabez Howland, blacksmith of Bristol, for £40, a “certain commonage or lot of land . . . being the One Hundred and fiftieth part of Six Hundred Acres . . . lately laid out into lots . . . being the forty seventh lott in number.”
(Taunton Deeds, 13-350)

NOTE: As this deed is also dated “(6th year of George)”, which is correct as George the First arrived in England in August 1714, it shows that the deed above, as well as the discharge of mortgage dated Jan. 4, 1719, should be double dated.

Aug. 9, 1720, Edward sold the house and 2 a. of land that he had bought of Eleazer Cary on May 9, 1718, to Samuel Norris of Dighton for £250.

Nathaniel Jacob one of the witnesses.	(Signed)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 5px;">{</div> <div> Edward Bosworth Junr. Mehittabel Bosworth. </div> </div>
		(Taunton Deeds, 13-319)

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Dec. 22, 1722, Edward bought of Elizabeth Cary, widow of David and David, their son, for £560, one half of an acre of land with the house "in which the said Elizabeth now dwells." It was bounded "north by land of the heirs of Tristram Bowerman decd.; also 27½ acres, that is "Two Ten acre Lotts and three quarters of one Ten acre Lott of land", bounded W. by the country road, E. by a highway and S. by land "lately belonging to Dea. John Cary now his son Benjamin Cary." The Cary house lot was bounded E. on Hope street and W. on Thames street. (Taunton Deeds, 14-486)

Also on *Dec. 22, 1722* Edward sold to his brother John for £218, 14 a. and other pieces of land in Bristol. (See history of John, No. 118 on this date.)

Also on *Dec. 22, 1722*, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol for £150, deeds to "my honoured father John Bosworth of Bristol" a ten acre lot of land he had lately bought of Elizabeth Adams "late of Bristol deceased", bounded S. by another 10 a. lot which he had bought from Elizabeth and David Cary and W. by the country road leading from Bristol to Swansea.

(Signed) Edward Bosworth Junr.

"His wife Mehitable consenting thereto." (Taunton Deeds, 15-431)

Dec. 24, 1722, Edward for £40 deeded to Nicholas Peck, of Bristol, Cooper, one fourth acre of land, bounded east by Hope St. 50 ft., west by Thames St. 50 ft. and north by the land of the heirs of Tristram Bowerman, south by land "of me the vendor being the remainder of ye house Lott of David Cary late of Bristol deceased Together with an equal Breadth of Beach and flatts Below Thames street with a priviledge in the well at the Southeast corner of ye Land hereby sold (always Reserving to my self Liberty and free use of the well altho fifty foot from Bowermans Land aforesd should extend to any or all the well)."

Jonathan Peck	(Signed)	{ Edward Bosworth Junr { Mehetable Bosworth
one of the witnesses.		(Taunton Deeds, 14-420)

Jan. 31, 1722/3, Dan Throope of Bristol for £280 deeds to Edward Bosworth, Jr., yeoman, 20 a. of land, a part of his farm, bounded west by a 2 rod highway, north "by the north part of sd farm by me sold to John Bosworth Junr. by deed bearing even date with this," east by a highway, south by the south side of sd farm "by me sold to Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol aforesd" by deed bearing even date with this. Benjamin Bosworth, Jr. one of the witnesses. (See history of John, No. 118, and Benjamin No. 119 on same date. Benjamin, Jr. was probably a nephew of Edward, son of his brother Benjamin, the Benjamin, Jr. who later died in Ashford, Conn.) (Taunton Deeds, 14-559)

Feb. 9, 1722/3, Edward and Mehitable mortgage the property bought of Elizabeth and David Cary, Dec. 22, 1722, to Thomas Palmer, Exr. and Elizabeth Hutchinson, widow, of William Hutchinson late of Boston, for £150, the land on which the house stands now occupied by Elizabeth Cary, being bounded N. "by the land lately sold by ye said Edward Bosworth and now belonging to Nicholas Peck," etc. (Taunton Deeds, 14-489)

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Mar. 13, 1723/4 “(10th year of George)” Edward and Mehetable sell to Jeremiah Phinney, for £200, one dwelling house and about $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of land that lately belonged to David Cary, bounded E. by Hope St., S. by $\frac{1}{4}$ acre which Jeremiah Phinney bought of Daniel Smith, W. by Thames St. and N. by land that sd Bosworth lately sold to Nicholas Peck, “the land hereby sold being about half y^e house Lott of the aforesd David Cary dec^d that is to say all that is not already sold to Nicholas Peck by sd Bosworth and to sd Jeremiah Phinney by Daniel Smith.”

(Taunton Deeds, 16-57)

Dec. 10, 1724, Edward bought of Peter Cary, for £270, his half part of a 30 a. lot and a commonage of 4 a. given to him by his late father David Cary, the commonage being the lot No. 80 and adjoining the farm.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-568)

Dec. 12, 1724, Edward sold to his brother John Bosworth, Jr., for £340, the 20 a. of land he bought of Dan Throope on Jan. 31, 1722/3. This land lay S. of the land Throope sold to John on the same date. His brother Nathaniel one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-539)

Jan. 13, 1726/7, Edward bought land of his brother Jeremiah. (See history No. 122 on this date.)

Sept. 5, 1727, Edward, “yeoman” of Bristol, for £200, deeds to John Dyer, 14 a. of land in Bristol, the N.W. corner of the farm “lately belonging to Mr. John Bosworth of Bristol dec^d.”, bounded N. by land of Capt. Peter Reynolds, W. by the sea, S. and E. by the remainder of the farm and is to extend from Capt. Reynolds land S. in width 30 rod and from the sea or salt water to extend E. to two heaps of stones laid by Constable Charles Church, etc. (See diagram in history No. 119).

Jacob Bosworth }
John Partridge } Witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-497)

No doubt Jacob Bosworth was Edward’s youngest brother.

March 5, 1728/9, the farm of 101 acres left by John Bosworth was divided among three of his sons, Benjamin, Edward and Jacob. (See same diagram as above.)

It seems that Edward had previously had a claim on the part now assigned to Benjamin, for on this same date, for £250, “money to me in hand well and truly paid by my brother benjamin bosworth of bristol aforesd yeoman”, he sold “two-fifth parts of the Dwelling house and barn did lately belong to our hon^d father John bosworth late of bristol aforesd dec^d, also two fifth parts of the 20 a. Lott in Bristol aforesd which did also belong to our said father and lies opposite to the farm whereon the said Dwelling house & barn stands.”

(Taunton Deeds, 17-553)

June 5, 1729, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, yeoman, for £1422 buys land in Barrington on, “febez neck”, of Josiah, Sarah and John Torrey, their home lot of $73\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 30 sq. rds., including houses and barns; also $44\frac{3}{4}$ acres; the first bounded on the W. and N. by highways, E. partly on the river and partly on land of Simeon Davis, etc.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-457)

June 6, 1729, Edward Bosworth, Jr., of Bristol sold to Benjamin Cary for £1475, 47½ a. of land in Bristol (£200 for the buildings and £30 per acre for the land) 21¾ a. where the house stands bounded S. and W. by highways, N. by land of Capt. Ellery "now in the possession of Benjamin Bosworth", and E. by land of Wm. Monroe, 25¾ bounded W. by the country road and N. by land of Jeremiah Bosworth, E. by a highway and S. by land of said Benjamin Cary. Signed by Edward and Mehetabell.

(Taunton Deeds, 18-548)

July 18, 1729, Edward Bosworth, Jr., of Bristol, for £280, deeds to Nathaniel Woodbury, 11 a. in Bristol, being the remainder of a 30 a. lot that did belong to David Cary.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-590)

Oct. 3, 1729, Samuel Terry of Uxbridge, sells to Edward Bosworth, Junr. of Bristol, in county of Bristol, yeoman, for £584 his "Farm or Tenement containing one Dwelling House and Fifty Two acres of Land . . . Scituate & being in Barrington . . . being all the first and Second Lotts in number (excepting Two acres and eighteen Rods thereof sold by the sd Terry to Mr. James Adams of Barrington) Together with four acres and Thirty six Rods of Land lying on the west side of the first and second Lotts". The boundaries mention a tree "Standing by a Little Pond within four Rods of Samuel Lows Stone Ditch wall and from that running Southerly by stakes Four Rods from sd wall untill it comes to the South west Corner of sd Lowes homelott and bounded from that East by the great Highway," etc.

(Taunton Deeds, 27-205)

Oct. 17, 1729, Edward (still of Bristol), sold to Thomas Lawton of Bristol, 1¾ a. of land in Bristol, for £42. Deed signed by Edward and Mehetable.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-580)

About this time Edward Bosworth removed from Bristol to Barrington, probably from the farm sold to Benjamin Cary, to the one he bought of Josiah, Sarah and John Torrey on June 5, 1729. After this he is not called "Jr."

Feb. 14, 1729/30, Hezekiah Tiffany of Barrington, for £28, sells to Edward Bosworth "of Barrington, yeoman", 1½ a. "of Salt Meadow" in Barrington on a Neck called New Meadow Neck and is a part of a meadow called by the name of the Tongue, "with all the Thatch Beds or Creek Thatch so called within sd Boundaries."

(Taunton Deeds, 19-566)

March 1, 1730/1, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £280, deeds to John Adams of Barrington, 25 a. of land in Barrington, being part of a 40 a. lot he bought of Josiah and John Torrey.

(Taunton Deeds, 20-61)

On the same date Edward sold to Benjamin Cary 5 a. of land in Bristol, for £120. In the boundaries given, the name of Capt. Thomas Lawton appears.

(Taunton Deeds, 20-63)

NOTE: This Capt. Thomas Lawton may be an ancestor of a Thomas Lawton of Bristol who later married a granddaughter of John Bosworth, Jr. (No. 118).

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June 29, 1731, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, yeoman, for £4, deeds to Jabez Howland, blacksmith, one-twelfth part of a commonage in Bristol, No. 26. (Taunton Deeds, 25-300)

July 29, 1731, Edward was one of the witnesses to a deed of his brother Benjamin, given on this date. (See No. 119).

Oct. 14, 1731, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, Bristol county, Mass., yeoman, for £70, deeds to Seth Aldrich, "Seignr.", of Uxbridge, $37\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land in Uxbridge, also 18 a. of land in the 8th Division to be laid out in the Townships of Mendon and Uxbridge in the common and undivided lands. (Worcester Deeds, 9-391)

"*May ye 23d 1732*, laid out for Seth aldrich 15 acers of Edward Bozerds 8th division of land and is laid Joyning to his other land on the west side of the great river," etc. (Mendon, Mass. Proprietor's Records, p. 636)

Aug. 26, 1732, Edward bought 17 a. of land in Barrington of Henry Cary. (Taunton Deeds, 22-1)

Feb. 1, 1732/3, Daniel Elliot mortgages to Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £90, a lot of land in Uxbridge (lately Mendon) in the county of Worcester, the west side thereof, 84 a. Mention is made of land bought by said Bosworth from Malatiah and Silence, "tow of the daughters of Angel Torrey decd." Also 14 a. described as having been sold to Daniel Elliot by said Bosworth. The above to secure the payment by Daniel Elliot to Edward Bosworth of £90 "Lawful Mony or Bills or Publick Credit" on or before "the first Day of february nex ensuing." (Worcester Deeds, 4-113)

April 29, 1733, a deed was recorded whereby Edward sold to Benj. Cary the 17 a. of land he bought of Henry Cary, Aug. 26, 1732. Received £390. (Taunton Deeds, 22-3)

The following year Edward bought land in Mansfield, Tolland county, Conn., to which he afterward removed.

March 12, 1734, John Torrey of Mansfield, Conn., for £1300, deeds to Edward Bosworth of Barrington, $118\frac{3}{4}$ a. of land in Ashford, Conn. and 188 a. in Mansfield (one farm), at Mt. Hope on both sides the Mt. Hope river. (Ashford Deeds, G-36)

On the Mansfield records the 188 a. is described as being on the Town line between Mansfield and Ashford, on the east side of Mt. Hope river, also adjoins land of the late Col. John Chandler of Woodstock, and also the land "that Israel Fullsom late lived on." Sarah Torrey, wife of John, consented to the above sale and signed "her mark." (Mansfield Deeds, 3-677)

On same date, Edward, for £240, deeds to John Adams, 20 a. of land in Barrington. ("In the 8th year of His Majestys reign"). Signed by Edward and Mehetable. (Taunton Deeds, 22-258)

March 12, 1734/5, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £660, deeds to James Humphrey 27 a. of land in Barrington "with a Dwelling House and

Corn Crib thereon", being part of the land said Bosworth bought of Josiah and John Torrey, late of Barrington, and extends from the river west. Signed by Edward and Mehitabel. (Taunton Deeds, 22-276)

On the same date James Humphrey deeds to "Edward Bosworth of Barrington *Gentleman*", 27 a. of land in Barrington, "at or near a place called Rumstick", given to said Humphrey by the will of his father, Samuel Humphrey, bounded N. on land of Nathaniel Peck, E., S. and S. E. on a highway, W. on the bay or salt water. Also 5 a. of salt meadow lying near the said land. (As the price of these 33 a. is given as £660, the same as the above deed, it must have been an even exchange.)

(Taunton Deeds, 22-297)

"*October ye 2d 1735*, laid out for sETH aldrich Eleven acers of Edward Bosworths ninth division of land laid Joyning to his other land on the west side of the great river and is bounded East of north on the land of woodland thompson", etc. (Mendon, Mass. Proprietor's Records, p. 309)

June 3, 1735, Nathaniel Peck of Barrington, for £200, deeds to Edward Bosworth, "*Gentleman*", 10 a. of land in Barrington. John Toogood one of the witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 24-255)

Oct. 24, 1735, Thomas Dexter of Barrington, for £1200, deeds to Edward Bosworth, 70 a. of land and 2½ a. of meadow in Barrington, at a place called Nayat or Phebee's Neck, which was lately a part of the township of Swansey, "which land I purchased of Capt. John Brown of Swansey" by deed dated Sept. 16, 1713, adjoining on the E. to "a spring called Toms Spring, . . . Reserving convenient bridle ways for Jas. Brown as per deed." (Taunton Deeds, 24-193)

On the same date, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, "*Gentleman*", sold to Thomas Dexter of Barrington, for £1400, the land bought of John Torrey, described as being in the northern part of Mansfield at a place called Mt. Hope and being the same land John Torrey bought of Nathaniel Fuller by two deeds, one dated Sept. 17, the other Sept. 29, 1729, and sold to Edward Bosworth by deed dated March 12, 1734, "also all my Right Interest or property in a Certain Pew in the Meeting House in sd Ashford which I have by virtue of the said deed by the sd Torrey to me made being in partnership with Philip Eastman Esq." Also 14 a. in Mansfield, "land sold by Storrs to Torrey, included in the forementioned deed." Signed by Edward and Mehetabel and ack. by them in Barrington. Charles Church a witness. (Mansfield Deeds, 3-680)

Feb. 10, 1735/6 Edward sold to Jonathan Bacon of Uxbridge, Worcester county, Mass., for £110, land lying in Uxbridge, lately Mendon, 84 a. "which was laid out to Angel Torrey, late of Bristol deceased, being part of ye Rights of Malatial and Silence two of the daughters of the said Angel Torrey, decd. and by them sold to sd Bosworth", also 14 a. laid out to Angel Torrey by a com. appointed by the Judge of Probate to divide said lands among the heirs of Angel Torrey, said 14 a. being near the Iron Works. (Worcester Deeds, 8-393)

March 9, 1735/6, Edward Bosworth of Barrington buys land in Barrington of Jonas Humphrey, land given to Jonas and his brother Samuel by their

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father Samuel Humphrey's will; the land lay by James Smith and Samuel Low, E. by the highway, W. by "the Bay or Salt water", 56 a. with a dwelling house. Also $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. of "Salt meadow" which "our sd father bought of Nathaniel Peck." (See No. 81, Part II). Also 3 a. of meadow "at Rumstick." Signed by Jonas Humphrey and Mary, his wife.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-30)

On the same date Samuel Humphrey gives deed of his share of the above land to Edward Bosworth for £630. He had paid Jonas £600 for his share

(Taunton Deeds, 25-31)

On the same date Edward, for £630, deeds to Samuel Humphrey, $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow and the "half part of a certain Tract of Land and Salt Marsh or Meadow", 70 a. "situate . . . at a place called . . . Nayat or Pheebees Neck" in Barrington, "which I lately purchased of Thomas Dexter", Oct. 24, 1735, and which said Dexter bought "of Capt. John Brown of Swansey", Sept. 16, 1713. The land bordered on John Read's farm and on "a Spring called Toms Spring", and included "ye Buildings and Improvements."

(Taunton Deeds, 25-32)

On same date Edward sold to Jonas Humphrey, for £600, a half part of the above described 70 a., and all the meadow bought of Thomas Dexter except the $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. just sold to Samuel Humphrey, in both cases reserving "a convenient Bridle way to pass to and from the Lands of James Brown" etc. Both deeds signed by Edward and Mehetable Bosworth. The record reads that they acknowledged their signatures, *March 13, 1735*, which without doubt should be double-dated, *1735/6*, for they could not ack. their signatures a year before they were made.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-33)

March 11, 1736, Edward, "of Barrington yeoman", for £748, deeds to Samuel Low of Barrington, $46\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 30 rods of land in Barrington. Signed by Edward and Mehetable. Ack. *March 25, 1737*.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-49)

On same date Samuel Low, for £100, sells to Edward Bosworth, $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 30 rods of land in Barrington, bounded N. and E. on highways, S. on land of Edward's which he bought of Jonas and Samuel Humphrey, and W. on land of Samuel Low. Signed by Samuel and Isabel Low, Ack. *March 25, 1737* by Samuel and *April 18, 1737*, by Isabel.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-50)

NOTE: It will be observed that in neither of the last two deeds are double-dates given, although they should be. It is probable that the dates on which the deeds were signed is given Old Style and the date on which they were acknowledged is New Style, when it should have been 1736/7.

April 8, 1738, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £60, deeds to James Adams of Barrington, 5 a. of meadow at Nayat that he purchased of Samuel Humphrey. Signed by Edward alone.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-183)

July 12, 1738, John Torrey of Mansfield, for £1100, deeds to Edward Bosworth of Barrington, land in the northeasterly part of Mansfield and is part of the farm that Capt. Daniels bought of Capt. Toge, on both sides of Mt. Hope river; 200 a. Ack. in Mansfield, *July 12, 1738*.

(Mansfield Deeds, 3-837)

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Sept. 6, 1738, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, yeoman, for £1100 deeds to "my son Edward Bosworth Junr. of Barrington aforesaid Husbandman", land in Barrington "Containing one Dwelling house wherein I now Dwell and the Land thereto belonging or adjoining", 26 a. bounded "Easterly upon a highway" etc.; also another piece "being part of the Ferry Farm so called", containing 34 a., "bounded westerly upon a Highway Northerly partly on Land of Sam^l Low . . . Easterly partly on the River . . . Southerly partly on a highway" etc.; also another piece, about 8 a. "being part of sd Ferry Farm . . . westerly on the Highway . . . Easterly on the River and Northerly on a highway"; also a piece of "Salt Meadow . . . at a place called Rumstick . . . Containing five acres . . . which I purchased of James Humphrey", March 12, 1734/5; also a piece of meadow "Containing one acre . . . which I purchased of Sam^l. Humphrey" March 9, 1735/6, "Lying at Rumstick"; also a piece of meadow, 2½ a. "which I bought ye one half of it of sd Sam^l. Humphrey and the other half of it of Jonas Humphrey"; "Also another parcell of meadow in sd Barrington at Rumstick aforesd which I purchased Three acres of it of sd Jonas Humphrey and Three acres of it of Nath^l. Peck, Junr." etc. All the land was in Barrington. This deed was signed by Edward alone. The son Edward was 21 years and nine days old at this time.

(Taunton Deeds, 27-340)

NOTE: When I first observed that Mehitable did not sign the above deed, I thought it must be that she was not living, especially as it was their homestead that was being sold, but found that she signed other deeds later, when living in Mansfield.

About this time—between *Sept. 6, 1738* and *June 26, 1739*, Edward Bosworth and family, with the exception of his eldest son Edward and his son Jonathan, removed to Mansfield, Conn. It seems somewhat strange that Jonathan should have been left behind as he was only 11 or 12 years old at this time. However there is a tradition in the family that in later years he was a sea captain, sailing between Providence and the West Indies, and that his son Jonathan, Jr. was cabin boy on his ship; so if this is correct, it may be that he himself was a cabin boy at this time and thus getting experience as a sailor.

June 26, 1739, Edward Bosworth of Mansfield, for £165, deeds to Thomas Swift, late of Barrington, Mass., now of Mansfield, land in the northerly part of Mansfield, on the easterly side of Mt. Hope river, "and is part of that farm I purchased of John Torrey", about 30 a., on road leading from Mansfield to Ashford.

(Mansfield Deeds, 3-913)

Dec. 5, 1741, Edward Bosworth "of Mansfield, Windham county, Conn. Gentleman", for £200 deeds "to my brother Jeremiah Bosworth of Bristol", land he bought of Nathaniel Toogood, Oct. 18, 1736. Signed by

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Edward and Mehetable, Dec. 5, 1741. Ack. by both of them *personally in Bristol, May 18, 1742.* (Taunton Deeds, 31-18)

May 16, 1760, Edward Bosworth of Warren, R. I., for £25, deeds "to my Honored Father Edward Bosworth and Samuel Bosworth both of Mansfield", 15 a. of land in Mansfield on the east side of the Mt. Hope River adjoining Badcock's land, also land of Jonathan Bosworth, also land of Thomas Swift and land said Edward sold to John Slapp. Acknowledged in Ashford, Feb. 9, 1770.

David Curtice }
Mary Curtice } Witnesses.

(Mansfield Deeds, 8-469)

NOTE: It may be observed that the son Edward is called in the above deed, "*of Warren, R. I.*", when previously he was "*of Barrington, Mass.*" This will be explained by referring to Part II, p. 132. He probably had not changed his residence, but the name of the territory where he lived had been changed. Ten years after making this deed he seems to have been visiting in Ashford and acknowledged his signature. It may also be observed that land of John Slapp is mentioned in the boundaries. He had married a daughter of the elder Edward; also the witnesses were another daughter and her husband.

March 4, 1779, Edward Bosworth of Mansfield "for the consideration of a certain Bond of even date with this deed for my support during Life received to my full satisfaction of my son Jonathan Bosworth of said Mansfield", deeds to said Jonathan, land in the northeasterly part of Mansfield, adjoins land of the Hon. Wm. Pitkin, Esq., on both sides of Mt. Hope river, also the "land of my son Samuel", 11¾ a., "and is the one half part of the lot of Land deeded to me and my son Samuel as a Several Inheritance By my son Edward Bosworth of Barrington, as may appear by said Edwards deed." (The section where he lived was again *Barrington* after 1770.) James Hall was one of the witnesses. (Mansfield Deeds, 9-98)

On the same date as above, Samuel Bosworth of Mansfield, for 20 shillings "Received of my Honored Father, Mr. Edward Bosworth of said Mansfield," quit-claims a piece of land in the North Easterly part of said town "near to my Dwelling House and is the one moiety or half part of that piece of land Deeded to us—my said Father Edward Bosworth and myself, by my Brother Edward Bosworth in the State of Rhode Island as may appear by his Deed to us as a Several Inheritance." The land adjoined Wm. Pitkin and John Swift's land, "Southerly on my own and Westerly on my Brother Jonathans Land." James Hall again a witness.

(Mansfield Deeds, 9-336)

On the same date and for the same amount, Edward quit-claimed to Samuel, the 11 a. on which "the said Samuels Dwelling House now stands", adjoined "my son Jonathans Land" on East side of Mt. Hope river, bounded "Easterly on John Swift, Northerly on my own land Westerly on my son Jonathans Land Southerly on said Samuels Land" and is the one half part of that land "deeded to me and the said Samuel by my son Edward Bosworth of Barrington, R. I."

(Mansfield Deeds, 9-337)

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At this time Edward was probably 88 years of age. He died previous to *Feb. 21, 1788*, for on that date Samuel in deeding to Thomas Swift the land on which he dwelt, mentions, "One piece deeded to me by my hond. Father Mr. Edward Bosworth deceased."

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of Edward⁴ and Mehitable (——) Bosworth,
the first six born in Bristol, the others
in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.):

- 291 + i—MEHITABLE⁵, b. May 23, 1715, bap. in the Congregational Church of Bristol, Oct. 2, 1715; m. Jabez Richardson.
- 292 + ii—EDWARD⁵, b. Aug. 28, 1717, bap. Oct. 27, 1717; d. Dec. 10, 1800; m. (1) Mrs. Althea (Bullock) Kent, (2) Rebecca⁶ Bosworth, dau. of Oliver⁵, (No. 145).
- 293 + iii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Sept. 1, 1719, bap. Oct. 22, 1721; m. Maj. John Slapp.
- 294 + iv—JEMIMA⁵, b. March 31, 1722, bap. Sept. 16, 1722; m. Benajah Conant.
- 295 + v—SUSANNAH⁵, b. Oct. 11, 1724; d. in Mansfield, Conn., Feb. 15, 1810; m. (1) Samuel Curtis, (2) Capt. Samuel Gurley. His third wife.
- 296 + vi—JONATHAN⁵, b. Sept. 1, 1727; d. in Lebanon, N. H., Aug. 26, 1815; m. Mary (Molly) Humphrey.
- 297 + vii—PETER⁵, b. Aug. 9, 1730. No further records. He may have d. y., or he may have been the Peter Bosworth who m. in Newport, R. I., March 31, 1752, Amey Spencer. As he must have gone with his father to Mansfield about 1739, it seems doubtful. However as the name was not common and he would have been 22 years of age at the time, he may have been the one.
- viii—JOSEPH, b. and d. March 28, 1733.
- 298 + ix—MARY⁵, b. Jan. 22, 1735; m. David Curtice.
- 299 + x—SAMUEL⁵, b. June 7, 1737; d. (no record); m. Abigail Dimmock.

NOTE: There is at Woodstock, Conn., a record of the death of "Elizabeth, wife of Edward Bosworth who Died in this Town July 25, 1745." The compiler is at a loss to know where this record should go. Edward's wife Mehitable was living in May 1742, but may have died soon after and Edward married this Elizabeth whose home may have been in Woodstock, a nearby town to Mansfield, but she could not have lived long after the marriage. Then again it is possible Elizabeth may have been a first wife of the son Edward, for he could not have married Mrs. Josiah Kent until after 1747, when Edward was 30, as her husband died in that year. The compiler has often wondered if he did not have a wife before that time and if he did Elizabeth may have been the one. However it is a little strange that no other record of Elizabeth has been found.

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NATHANIEL⁴ BOSWORTH, fourth son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., Nov. 23, 1693; died in Bristol, R. I., Jan. 17, 1771, aged 78 years; married SARAH WARDWELL, born (if records are correct), in 1682 (parentage not discovered); died in Bristol, Oct. 11, 1771, aged 89 years.*

Nathaniel passed his boyhood in Hull, then when about 16 he removed with his parents to Bristol, where he was later known as a "Blockmaker."

Dec. 11, 1714, the next month after he was 21 years old, his father, for "love and affection," deeded him land in Bristol that he had bought of Capt. Simon Davis. (See Part II, p. 219). This land was on the W. side of Thames St. and had land of the Rev. Sparhawk on the N., land of Isaac Gorham on the S. and on the W. "ye sea or Salt water with ye benefitts of ye beach & flatts as other Lotts have."

(Taunton Deeds, 13-512)

June 4, 1724, John⁴ Bosworth, Jr., deeds to his brother Nathaniel "Block maker," 9 a. 20 rods of land he had bought of his father John³, Dec. 22, 1722, who had bought it of his sister Hannah Jacob, May 21, 1719. (For boundaries see same page as above.) Nathaniel paid £115. E. Brenton and Thomas Lawton, witnesses.

Dec. 10, 1724, Nathaniel witnessed a deed made by his brother Edward. (See history No. 120.)

Dec. 12, 1724, witnessed a deed given by his brother Edward to his brother John.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-539)

Nathaniel Bosworth and wife Sarah became Communicants of St. Michael's Church (Episcopal) Bristol in 1732.

March 13, 1743/4, Nathaniel's name on the "List of Coroners" for Bristol. (Mass. Civil Lists, 1630 to 1774)

This Nathaniel seems to have been like some people that we all of us know, persons of fine character, but lacking ability to handle finances successfully. This was most un-

*In the opinion of the compiler there is a mistake of ten years in the age of Sarah. It is possible she was one year older than Nathaniel, but not at all probable that she was 11 years older. Presumably the town clerk intending to write 79 had it in mind that she was nearly 80 so made a slip and wrote 89; we all make similar slips sometimes.

fortunate for Nathaniel, for in those days it was the custom to imprison for debt, hence we find from the records that—

Oct. 17, 1744, Richard Pearce, treasurer of a school in Bristol, having obtained a judgment against Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, "Gentleman," for £25..8s..9½d., "ye sheriff of our county of Bristol, his under sheriff or Deputy" was commanded to "take ye Body of ye sd Nathaniel Bosworth and him Commit unto our Gaol In Bristol . . . and Detain In your Custody within our sd Gaol Until he pay ye full Sum abovesd With your fees or that he be Discharged by ye sd Richard Pearce ye Creditor or Otherwise by order of Law hereof fail not and make Return of this writt with your doing therein Into our sd Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Bristol . . . upon ye Second tuesday of December next" etc.

NOTE: Pardon your compiler for digressing long enough to say: This has always seemed to me a very foolish procedure, for, how did they suppose a man was going to be able to pay his debts when he was in "Gaol?"

The above writ begins as follows: "Bristol Ss. George ye Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of ye faith" etc. "To ye Sheriff . . . Timothy Fales Assistant."

The entire amount, including cost was £29..9s..11d. and on *Nov. 23, 1744*, James Gibbs, treasurer, chosen in room of Richard Pearce deceased, Joseph Russell Esq', chosen by Nathaniel Bosworth and John Howland chosen by Charles Church, sheriff, were a com. to set off "so much of ye Real Estate as will satisfy ye within execution," and there was sold a portion of land with warehouse and wharf, bounded E. by Thames St., S. by King St., W. by the "Ship Canal," N. partly on "Henry Braggs land and partly on Timothy Fales Esq." including "wharf beach & flatts." On the same date another execution for £17..18s..3d. was satisfied in the same manner. (Taunton Deeds, 33-106 to 109)

May 11, 1745, Another execution was brought against Nathaniel, for £49..16s. in lawful money or £51..9s..2d," in Bills of Credit emitted in ye year 1741."

Sept. 15, 1763, "Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol Esq'." sells 9 a. of land in Bristol "which I purchased of my Brother John Bosworth as by his Deed to me bearing Date the 4th Day of June, 1724." Signed by Nathaniel and Sarah, his wife. Rebecca Papillion (their daughter) one of the witnesses. (Bristol Deeds, 3-126)

Jan. 3, 1770, Nathaniel and Sarah mortgaged land (Bristol Deeds, 3-247)

It is interesting to notice that even in the writ whereby Nathaniel was arrested for debt, he is termed a "gentleman," which certainly shows that he was respected. This is also

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corroborated by the fact that in the following year he was elected "Sheriff of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas" and re-elected in May 1746. In February 1748 he was elected a Justice of the Peace, but in the following year he was again elected sheriff, and continued in the office, with the exception of one year, until the year 1761. (Military and Civil Lists of R. I., vol. 1).

During the time that Nathaniel Bosworth was sheriff, at a meeting of the General Assembly held at South Kingston, R. I., *Feb. 14, 1758*, the following resolution was presented:

"Whereas, Nathaniel Bosworth, Esq. sheriff of the county of Bristol, exhibited unto this Assembly an account of his charged against the government, for boarding a number of the French king's subjects, who, by the fortunes of war, were taken prisoners and brought into this Colony; and the said account being duly examined,—

This Assembly do vote and resolve . . . that the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that £208, the amount thereof, be paid the said Nathaniel Bosworth, out of the general treasury." (R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 121) *June 12, 1758*, At a meeting of the General Assembly held at Newport; Joseph Munro and associates being convicted of counterfeiting bills of credit of the Colony,—"Benjamin Miller and John Cole Esqrs., and Edward Bosworth, yeoman, all of Warren, in the county of Bristol," petitioned the Assembly that they might be reimbursed for eight £16 counterfeit bills received from the aforesaid Joseph Munro "for which they, the petitioners, rendered a valuable consideration," whereupon it was "voted and resolved, that Joseph Russell Esq., and Nathaniel Bosworth Esq. sheriff of the county of Bristol be . . . a committee to sell at vendue, all the estate of Joseph Munro "had in any lands within this Colony at the time of his conviction; and deposit the money arising from such sale in the general treasury, to be appropriated as by law it ought."

(R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 153)

General Assembly held at Newport, first Wednesday of May, 1759; Officers declared elected and duly engaged:

Sheriff; Bristol County,—Mr. Nathaniel Bosworth.

(R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 207)

General Assembly held at South Kingston, last Wednesday of October 1759, the Committee appointed to sell at public vendue the estate of Joseph Munro, reported; among other land sold,—"two small lots of improved land, and one piece of wood land, struck off to Edward Bosworth [No. 292] at £20 per annum; and have given leases of the same; the rents to be paid to the general treasurer, annually, during the life of the said Joseph Munro."

Signed by Joseph Russell and Nathaniel Bosworth.

(R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 226)

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth died Jan. 17, 1771. Adm. was granted Jan. 6, 1772, to James Bosworth, his son, and Bennett Munro, a son-in-law. The inv. taken Jan. 15, 1772, included household furniture, totaled £18..5..9. The list of the "Claims of the Creditors of the Estate of Nathaniel Bosworth, dceased, an Insolvent Debtor," included:

	Old Tenor
"To Henry Bosworth	£11..16..
To Shearjashub Bourn Esqr.	51..12.. 2

	£	s.	d.
Totaled	2447	..10	..3
Adm. chgs.	128	.. 0	..0

The acct. of the Adm. included among the charges:

	£	s.	d.
"To my horse and man to Dighton		9	.. 0
To James Bosworths account for nursing		3	.. 8.. 2
Pd. Dr. Bradford		81	.. 2.. 9
"The Accomptant charges himself with the amount of the personal estate sold at vendue		25	..16.. 6
Also with the amount of ye sale of the Real Estate at Vendue		138	.. 0.. 0
		_____	_____
		£163	..16.. 6

Signed by Bennet Munro Adminstr on the estate of Nathaniel Bosworth Esq. decd." (Bristol Probate, Bk. 2, p. 122, 137)

Feb. 1, 1773, "James Bosworth appeared and exhibited an account against the Estate of his father which was ordered to be on file till next Council Day. (Same, p. 160)

Nothing further on record.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel⁴ Boswoth and wife Sarah,
born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.)

Baptised in St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

- 300 + i—SARAH⁵, b. Feb. 2, 1715/16, "on a Thursday about Eleven in the morn"; d. Aug. 12, 1754; m. Bennett Munro.
- 301 + ii—REBECCA⁵, b. Nov. 20, 1717, "on Wednesday about Eight at night"; d. Feb. 21, 1775; m. Samuel Papillion.
- 302 + iii—MARY⁵, b. Oct. 6, 1719, "on Tuesday about 2 o th Clock in the morning"; d. May 23, 1759; m. Edward Paine.
- 303 + iv—PRISCILLA⁵, b. Oct. 6, 1722, "on a Saturday about Eleven at night"; d. Sept. 12, 1775; m. John Hubbard.
- 304 + v—JAMES⁵, b. Oct. 17, 1725, "on a Sabbath about 8 in morn"; d. Dec. 31, 1795; m. Mary Hicks.

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JEREMIAH⁴ BOSWORTH, fifth son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., Sept. 20, 1697; died in Bristol, R. I., Sept. 26, 1777, aged 80; married at Dorchester, Mass., by Robert Spur, Esq., J. of P., April 5, 1727, SUSANNAH FIELD of Braintree, Mass., born, 1698; died at Bristol, Jan. 26, 1768, aged 70. The intention of their marriage was recorded at Bristol, Jan. 7, 1726. (Probably should be 1726/7).

On *Jan. 13, 1726/7*, Jeremiah, for £300, deeded to his brother Edward his one fifth part of his father's 100 a. farm, and also one-fifth of a 20 a. lot, all in Bristol.

Dec. 5, 1741, Jeremiah's brother Edward, then of Mansfield, for £200, deeds him land in Bristol.

Jeremiah was remembered in his father's will, and particularly in the codicil. (See Part II, p. 219).

No record of children found.

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JACOB⁴ BOSWORTH, sixth son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., Nov. 22, 1701; died in Mansfield, Conn., previous to July 2, 1782, when inventory on his estate was made; married (1) LYDIA JONES of Taunton, intention published in Bristol, Dec. 9, 1727; she died in Barrington, Mass., (now R. I.), soon after Oct. 16, 1742; married (2) in Ashford, Conn., Oct. 6, 1743, RUTH SQUIRE, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Fuller) Squire, born in Ashford, March 26, 1722*. Jacob is called a "cordwinder" (shoemaker) in deeds.

*The Conn. Magazine, Vol. 10, p. 382, gives the record of a Ruth Bosworth who joined the church at Ashford in 1794. This may have been the above Ruth, but she would have been 72 at that time, so it seems hardly probable that she had not been a member of the church before that time.

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When Jacob was a boy of about eight years his parents removed from Hull to Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) and there he grew to manhood. He was married to Lydia Jones either late in December 1727, or in January 1728, and their first child, a son Jacob, was born, probably late in 1728, and a daughter Lydia in 1730, for on April 2, 1732, when Jacob and Lydia "owned the covenant" in the Congregational church of Barrington, these children were baptized (their birth not recorded, they may have been born in Raynham), and the third child was born in June 1732.

Sept. 5, 1727, Jacob's brother Edward and Mehitable his wife sold land and Jacob was a witness to the deed. (Taunton Deeds, 17-497)

March 5, 1728/9, Jacob and his brothers Benjamin and Edward, divide the farm left by their father. (See histories Nos. 119 & 120)

Dec. 31, 1729, the town of Barrington bought half an acre of land for £5 to be known as Prince's Hill Cemetery, bounded west on the highway and east on the river. Jacob Bosworth and Josiah Humphrey were witnesses to the deed.

Feb. 17, 1729/30, Jacob and his brothers Benjamin and Edward, divide a 20 a. lot which had formerly belonged to their father John. Jacob is now called "of Barrington." (Taunton Deeds, 19-201)

June 25, 1731, Jacob Bosworth chosen to serve on jury.

July 26, 1731, Ebenezer and Bathshua Mehurin of Raynham, for £190, deed land in Raynham to Jacob Bosworth of Barrington, "cordwinder," one piece of 22½ a. with a dwelling house "on the highway that leadeth from the old Iron Works to Bridgewater (mentions names of Jonathan Dean, Gabriel Crossman and Simon Dillis); the other a 7 a. lot. Edward Bosworth and James Williams, witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 20-187)

March 26, 1735, Jacob Bosworth of Raynham, "Cordwinder," for £210, deed to Joshua Campbell of Raynham, two tracts of land in Raynham, the first containing 29½ a. "where my Dwelling House now stands," on road leading from "ye old Iron Works to Bridgewater bounded on the north . . . partly by Samuel Crossman's Titicut Swamp lot . . . reserving a way for Samuel Crossman and his children to come to their swamp lot on that part of the land he lately bought of Gabriel Crossman"; also 7 a. on the east side of the "Country Road to Stony Ware'."

Joseph Jones 2nd	{	(Signed)	Jacob Bosworth
Samuel Leonard Jr.	}	Witnesses.	her
			Lydia X Bosworth
			mark
			(Taunton Deeds, 24-41)

NOTE: It is possible the above Joseph Jones, 2nd was related to Lydia.

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Sept. 11, 1738, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Barrington, husbandman, (Jacob's nephew), for £155, deeds to Jacob Bosworth of *Barrington*, 6½ a. of land in Barrington, "part of the ferry farm." (Taunton Deeds, 26-237)

May 18, 1739, it was voted that the town accept of an open highway through Jacob and Edward Bosworth's land to a convenient place for keeping the ferry over to Mr. Samuel Miller's.

Jacob's sixth child, the daughter Submit, was born Oct. 16, 1742 and as that is the last we find of his wife Lydia, and on Oct. 6, 1743 we find him in Ashford, Conn., marrying a second wife, Ruth Squire, it is feasible to suppose that Lydia died, as so many mothers did, at the birth of the child.

April 24, 1746, Jacob Bosworth of *Ashford*, buys 6½ a. of land in Mansfield, with the south part of a dwelling house, south chamber, and one half the cellar, "for 152 pounds." (These towns, although in different counties, join each other and were settled about the same time.) The grantors were Jacob's brother Edward and John Slapp, Edward's son-in-law. (See No. 120). (Mansfield Deeds, 4-443)

Feb. 27, 1746/7, Jacob sold 6½ a. of land in Mansfield to Jabez Richardson (who was also Edward's son-in-law), with the south half of a dwelling house, and all said house "excepting what said Richardson now owns for 162 pounds." (Mansfield Deeds, 4-485)

Mar. 31, 1753, Jacob bought 20 a. of land in the southerly part of Ashford, for £90 "old Tenor." (Ashford Deeds, H-170)

This completes Jacob's deeds as far as found.

In 1759, Jacob's eldest son, Jacob, Jr., then aged 31, but apparently unmarried, enlisted in the Colonial army to go against the French. He served in the 3rd Co., 1st Regt., under command of Major John Slapp. He was killed Sept. 23, 1759, in the attack on Ft. Ticonderoga.

About two years after the death of this Jacob, another son was born to Jacob and Ruth and true to custom, he was named Jacob. He was about 17 years old when on May 1, 1778, he enlisted from Mansfield as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served in the 2nd Regt., Connecticut Line. He seems to have had some musical ability for on July 12, 1780, he was made a "fifer" in Parker's company and held the position until April 12, 1781. On Jan. 13, 1781 he enlisted "During the War." His name as a private is on a "Roll and Muster of the 1st company, 3rd Regiment of Connecticut troops commanded by Colonel B. Webb for Decr. & Jan^y. 1782 & 3." (See Conn. in the Rev.)

At the close of the war Jacob was regularly discharged and later received a warrant for "Land Bounty," which was No. 1625, and entitled him to 100 acres of land, but in some way this warrant was lost and in 1830 Jacob, then 69 years of age, testified that he had served "until the close of the war," and asked that a duplicate of his "Bounty Land Warrant" be issued to him. He evidently did not receive it at once as other letters were written concerning it in 1831 and 32. A letter written April 6, 1833, asked that the warrant be sent to his attorney, Ichabod Bulkley, Esq. of Ashford. When it finally came it was dated June 7, 1830. One of these letters, written Jan. 21, 1831, says that Jacob was then a citizen of Georgia. However the U. S. Census of 1840 gives him as a pensioner of Ashford, aged 79. No record of his death was found, but it probably occurred not long after this. Apparently he never married. (Above copied in the Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.)

Jacob⁴ Bosworth probably died in the first part of the year 1782, when he was nearly 81 years of age, for on July 2nd of that year an inventory on his estate was made. The widow Ruth, who was 21 years younger than he, was appointed Admx. on his estate. She brought in her account Aug. 6, 1782 and "Mov^d for a Settlement." She charged herself with the inventory of the personal estate of the deceased £13 . . 7 . . 0 and prayed allowance for funeral charges, 13s., for Court chgs., Cost of Adm., and allowance to the widow for housekeeping, which took it all,

"So there remains nothing of the personal Estate in the Hand of the Admx. to be distributed & an order is this Day given for the Distribution of the Real Estate."

The following division of the Real Estate was made Nov. 5, 1782.

To the widow Ruth Bosworth, one third part of said deceased real estate, being 2 a. 121 rods. (Boundaries given.)

To Nathaniel Bosworth the eldest son of said deceased two shares of said deceased land being one acre.

To Daniel Bosworth 81 rods of said deceased land.

To Jacob Bosworth, third son of sd. deceased, 84 rods of land.

To Sarah Blach, eldest daughter, 84 rods, etc.

To Rebecca Lewis, 2nd daughter of sd. deceased, 117 rods, etc.

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To Hannah Hall third daughter, 117 rods, etc.

To Submit Hall 4th daughter, 117 rods, etc.

To Ruth Richardson, 5th daughter, 117 rods, etc.

To Elizabeth Cunnell, 6th daughter of said deceased, 137 rods.

To Lydia Bosworth, youngest daughter, 117 rods of said deceased land.
(The boundaries of each one of the above are given.)

“All of which Division & Distribution as above Described is the Just proportion of the Widow and each of sd Heirs”, etc.

(Promfret. Conn. Probate, Bk. 5—111 & 138, Bk. 6-196)

CHILDREN

Of Jacob Bosworth

By 1st wife Lydia Jones

- 305 i—JACOB⁵, b. prob. in 1728; bapt. at Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), April 2, 1732; was killed near Ft. Ticonderoga, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1759.
- 305 ii—LYDIA⁵, b. prob. in 1730; bapt. at Barrington at the same time as her brother Jacob; prob. d. y.
- 307 + iii—SARAH⁵, b. in Barrington, June 5, 1732; d. after 1810; m. Varen Balch.
- 308 + iv—REBECCA⁵, b. in Barrington, Feb. 27, 1736; d. ————; m. (———) Lewis.
- 309 + v—HANNAH⁵, b. in Barrington, Sept. 9, 1740; d. ————; m. Ephraim Hall.
- 310 + vi—SUBMIT⁵, b. in Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 16, 1742; d. in Mansfield, May 23, 1828 (or 29); m. Capt. James Hall.

By 2nd wife Ruth Squire, born in Ashford, Conn.

- 311 + vii—RUTH⁵, b. April 29, 1744; d. ————; m. Nathan Richardson.
- 312 + viii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. abt. 1746 or 47; d. Aug. 28, 1810; m. Jeremiah Coniall (Connel on tomstone).
- 313 ix—LYDIA⁵, b. in the year 1752; d. unm. in Mansfield, Conn., Dec. 8, 1834, aged 82 years.
- 314 + x—NATHANIEL⁵, b. abt. 1754; d. March 12, 1827; “in the 75th year of his age”; m. Molly Knowlton, his cousin’s dau.
- 315 + xi—DANIEL⁵, b. Feb. 13, 1756; d. ————; m. Rachel Hill.
- 316 xii—JACOB⁵, b. in the year 1761; d. unm. after 1840, prob. in Ashford, Conn. (See his history above.)

NOTE: In the U. S. Census of 1820, Lydia Bosworth is given as “a female of 45 and upwards” living alone. She was then 68. In 1828 she was still living and single; her land mentioned in the division of her brother Nathaniel’s estate.

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HANNAH⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Edward³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife, Elizabeth (Estabrook), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) March 16 and baptized March 25, 1705; died ————; married in Bristol, March 18, 1730/31, JOSHUA CHASE (int. pub. Feb. 20, previous).

In a "Genealogy of the Desc. of William Chase who came to America in 1630," Joshua is given as the son of Jacob³, (*William*², ¹), and his 1st wife as being Sarah Joyce, his 2nd Hannah Bosworth. No record of children found, but a Joshua Chase was living in Rehoboth in 1790 who may have been a son, or grandson of the above Joshua. Also an Isaac Chase died in Bristol in 1760, who may have been a son. A Hannah Chase who married in Bristol, March 19, 1844, John Groton, was probably a descendant.

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SARAH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Edward³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Estabrook), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Dec. 4, 1710; died in Bristol, March 22, 1801; married (int. pub. in Bristol, May 18, 1728), THOMAS KINNECUT, son of Thomas and Hannah (Bowerman) Kinnecut, born May 1, 1707; died in 1763 aged 57 years.

There was a census taken in Rhode Island in 1774 and Sarah Kinnecut, a widow, was living in Bristol with another "female" over 16, and two slaves, one an Indian and one "Black." Another census taken in R. I. in 1782, gives Sarah Kinnecut, "above 50," and another "female" between 22 and 50; this was probably an unmarried daughter named Hannah,* born between 1732 and 1760. They had two slaves, one over 50, the other between 22 and 50. The U. S. census

*It is to be supposed she would have a daughter Hannah named from her sister, and from the husband's mother.

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of 1790 does not give Sarah or any other Kinnecut in Bristol, but there was a Hannah in Warren, R. I. (the next town), with one other woman in the family. This Hannah may have been the daughter given above and as her mother was then 80 years of age, Hannah had taken the position as head of the household.

At Taunton there are deeds of Thomas Kinnecut's recorded in Books 28, 31 and 34.

Sarah died of "old age," the record says; she was 91.

CHILDREN

Of Thomas and Hannah (Bosworth) KINNECUT
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.).

- 317 i—ELIZABETH KINNECUT, b. March 27, 1731; m. Aug. 20, 1752,
 John COOMER of Newport, R. I., by Rev. John Burt. Two
 children are recorded, there may have been more.
 1—JOHN COOMER, b. May 8, 1755; d. Feb. 27, 1834, ae. 79 y,
 2—THOMAS KINNECUT COOMER, b. July 11, 1757; d. Oct. 22,
 1837, ae. 81 y.
- 318 ii—SARAH KINNECUT, b. Feb. 27, 1732/3.
 iii—A CHILD, b. 1734; d. Dec. 12, 1736, ae. 2 y.
 iv—A CHILD, b. ———; d. March 26, 1739.
 v—A CHILD, b. ———; d. Aug. 16, 1740.
 vi—A CHILD, b. ———; d. Aug. 22, 1744.
- 319 vii—BOSWORTH KINNECUT, b. ———; d. Aug. 9, 1755.

NOTE: In the record of Elizabeth's marriage she is called "Mrs.," but Rev. John Burt recorded every woman he married in that way. (See Part I, p. 38.)

As the births of the four unnamed children are not given in the records, and their age at death only given in one case, it is probable that they died in infancy before being named.

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